

## Christmas Time IS The Present Time.

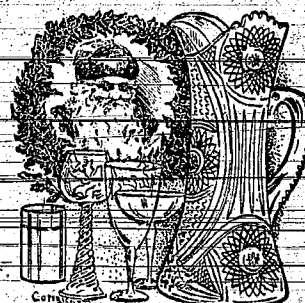


### CHRISTMAS TIME

is always the "present" time, and if you want to give some friend or loved one "a good time" buy the watch here and you will succeed.

### OUR DIAMONDS AND WATCHES

are of the finest quality and will pass the most rigid test that experts can subject them to. We carry a large variety of gold and silver ornaments that are suitable for Christmas gifts for any age.

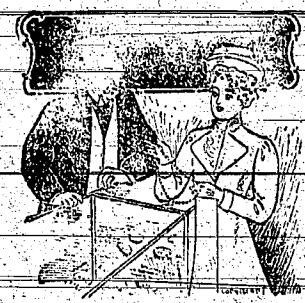


### AMONG OUR GLASSWARE

are to be found many handsome and serviceable gifts. If you like to give something that will remind the recipient of you constantly come and choose from our

### DAINTY GLASSWARE

You can select either sets or odd pieces at a cost which you can limit to a ridiculously small sum if you are so inclined. But no matter how little you spend you'll secure a gift any body will be glad to receive.



### THE QUESTION OF SELECTION

we leave to your own good taste, but the quotation of liberal prices for goods of high quality is OUR part, and you will find that we perform this end of a sale to your entire satisfaction.

### WATCHES AND CHAINS

bracelets, earrings, pins, lockets, La Vallieres, sterling silver toilet articles and novelties, plated and solid tableware, and clocks.

## JEWELRY

### The Gift Of Gifts

It is so.

For a gift ought to be something more than the mere presentation of something worth about so much.

The aesthetic sense ought to be recognized. The fitness of the gift to the occasion ought to be considered.

Thus you always find Christmas and Jewelry inseparably connected.

The question for you to decide is what article of Jewelry is most suitable in each case.

We would like to suggest that our stock furnishes innumerable suggestions. All your gift wants might easily be supplied from it with profits to you and satisfaction to those you wish to remember.

Because Jewelry is liked by everyone.

As we said, it is the gift of gifts.

Here is a list that may help you with your decision:

Watches	Necklaces
Rings	Combs
Chains	Cuff Links
Charms	Belt Pins
Umbrellas	Lockets
Brooches	Pendants
Hat Pins	Mesh Bags
Scarf Pins	Vanity cases
Bracelets	Toilet Sets
Military Sets	Jewel Cases
Gold Pocket Knives	Brushes
Manicure Sets	Chasing Dishes
Cut Glass	Silverware

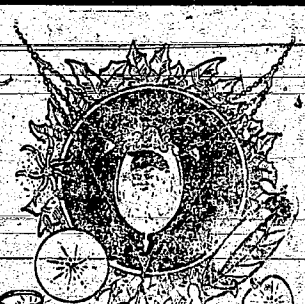


### The Ideal Gifts for the Men

"A Hamilton Watch."

### The Ideal Gift for a Lady

"A Diamond Ring."

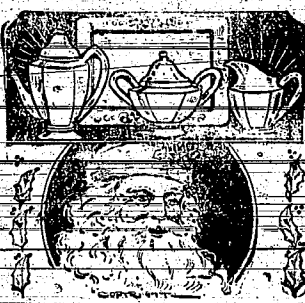


### THE PICTURE OF SANTA CLAUS

is enthroned in our hearts from childhood days. A young lady likes her sweetheart's picture in a locket. Our special line of lockets, chains, bracelets, rings and pins, all appeal to the fair sex.

### WE ARE PLEASED

to have you call and examine our stock before going elsewhere, as our prices compare more than favorably with others.



### IT'S AHEAD

of all competitors, is what the people all say of PETERSON'S up-to-date Jewelry Store. They know that the cases and counters are well filled with every desired piece of Jewelry or silveware that they can ask for.

### BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

can be bought at all prices to suit all purses. We do not think that you can see our magnificent line of watches and rings without desiring to own one of them. Pay us a visit, it does not cost you anything to look at them.



### HOW SPLENDIDLY GORGEOUS

our cases look with their new and glittering display of rings, lockets, chains, bracelets, pins, brooches, etc.

### SUCH BEAUTIFUL JEWELRY

is not to be seen in such variety anywhere else but here. See the display by all means, and we know that if you have the making of a gift in mind a visit here will tell you just what to choose.

A. PETERSON, Watchmaker and Jeweler.

### Glenwood Vinyards Co.

growers of  
CONCORD GRAPES  
Manufacturers of

### Pure Grape Wine

Vinyards at  
Glenwood, Mich.  
Storage at  
GRAYLING, MICH.

This wine is made from selected grapes from our own vinyards. It is made in a perfectly clean manner. It is a good stimulant for all people. It has the proper qualities for a tonic for those who need it. It is for sale in any quantity in wet counties, except by the drink, and is the only stimulant the local option law allows to be sold in dry counties, and in all dry counties it is for sale in not less than five gallon lots.  
We respectfully solicit your trade.  
Price—\$1.00—\$1.50 per gallon.  
Represented by

### Harvey Hill

at Miss Ballard's, on Norway Street, aug. 18.

### Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, dated the 1st day of January, 1910, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, made and executed by Charles F. Dickinson, of Toledo, Ohio, to Marius Hanson, of Grayling, Michigan, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, Michigan, in Liber G of Mortgages, on page 381, 382, and 383, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1909 at 8 o'clock p. m., and whereas the said mortgage has been duly assigned by the said Marius Hanson to Marion E. Hay, of the City of Butler in the State of Pennsylvania, by assignment bearing date the 1st day of October A. D. 1910, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the said County of Crawford on the 17th day of October A. D. 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m. in Liber E of Mortgages of the said County of Crawford, and whereas the amount claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage, at the date of this notice is the sum of three hundred and 92-100 dollars, principal and interest, and the further sum of forty dollars as an attorney's fee, and the said mortgage is now owned by the said Marion E. Hay, and no suit or proceeding in law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.  
Now therefore notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale, and in pursuance with the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises therein described, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, in said county of Crawford, that being the place where the circuit court is held in said county, on the 28th day of January 1911, next, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows: Lot No. two (2) of section eighteen (18) in township No. twenty-eight (28) north of range one (1) west, containing twenty-one and sixty-one hundredths (21-61-100) acres, more or less, according to the Government survey of the same.  
Dated this 1st day of November A. D. 1910.  
MARION E. HAY,  
Assignee of Mortgage.  
O. PALMER,  
Att'y for Assignee of Mortgage.  
Business address, Grayling, Mich.  
nov-1-1st

### NOTICE.

To the owner or owners of any and all interest in the land herein described, and to the mortgagee or mortgagees named in all undischarged mortgages against said land or any assigned part of real estate, notice is hereby given that the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the register in chancery of the county in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per cent. additional thereto, and the fees of the sheriff for the service of writ of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.  
State of Michigan, County of Crawford,  
Description, Sec. Town Range Amt pd for year  
The S E 1/4 32 28N 4W \$1.35  
Amount necessary to redeem, \$7.70  
plus the fees of the sheriff.  
CHARLES F. AMIDON,  
Place of business, Frederick, Mich.  
Dated November 16th, A. D. 1910.  
To Joseph W. Allen, Grantee under the last recorded deed, in the regular chain of title, to said land.  
Office of Sheriff of Crawford County,  
Grayling, Mich., Nov. 19, 1910.  
I hereby certify and return that after careful enquiry, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or postoffice address of Joseph W. Allen or of his heirs, or the whereabouts or postoffice address of the executor, administrator or trustee or guardian of said Joseph W. Allen.  
CHARLES F. AMIDON,  
Sheriff of Crawford County.

### Dr. F. E. Bush

DENTIST  
Saginaw, Michigan  
Office over Lewis & Co's. Drug Store,  
Saginaw office 309 Avery Building.

### S. N. Insley, M.D.

Physician and Surgeon  
Office over Lewis & Co's. Drug Store,  
Saginaw office 309 Avery Building.

Office Hours—9 to 11 a. m. 2 to 4 p. m.  
Residence on Peninsular Avenue, opposite G. A. R. Hall.

### H. H. Merriman, M.D.

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OFFICE AND RESIDENCE,  
East of Opera House.

### A. F. Burnham M. D.

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Office next door to Olson's Drug Store  
Office Hours—9 to 11 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m.

### C. A. Canfield, D.D.S.

DENTIST  
OFFICE:  
Over Alexander's Law Office on Michigan Avenue.  
Office hours: 8.30-11 a. m. 1-3.30 p. m.

### GEO. L. ALEXANDER

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Pine Lands  
Bought and sold on Commission.  
None-Residents' Lands looked after.  
Office on Michigan Avenue, first door east of Bank of Grayling.

### Frank G. Walton

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Collections promptly attended to.  
Offices over Lewis & Co's. Drug Store.

### Wm. A. Montgomery

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Grayling, Michigan.  
Chicago, Ill., 79 Dearborn St.

### O. Palmer

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
AND NOTARY  
Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford Co.  
FIRE INSURANCE.

### The Crown Chemical Co.

Manufacturers of  
Wood Turpentine, Pine and Tar Oils,  
Creosote Oils, Paints, Varnishes,  
Tree Protector Lotions, Dyes, etc.  
Factory, General Offices  
Grayling, Mich. Toledo, Ohio.

### WRITE

ALPENA MARBLE & GRANITE CO.  
for prices on  
Monuments & Headstones  
and all kinds of cemetery work.  
ALPENA, MICHIGAN.

### Temple Encampment No. 160

Meets every first and third Fridays of each month.  
C. O. NEILL, C. P.  
P. D. BORCHERS, Scribe.

### Fire Alarm Calls.

Directions for turning in Alarm.  
Break glass and turn the lever once around until it stops; you can only turn it one way. Do not turn it a second time, until lever has stopped moving.  
No. of Box Where Located.  
19—Michigan and Peninsular Avenues, near Olson's drug store.  
28—Michigan Avenue and Spruce east of Court House.  
32—Michigan Avenue and Norway.  
37—Ottawa Street at Rose House.  
43—Ogemaw and Cedar streets, near McKay House.  
46—Spruce and Iowa streets, near Julius Nelson's house.  
54—Michigan Ave. and Park street near Chris Hanson's house.  
55—Ogemaw and Maple streets near John Hanson's house.  
64—Selling Hanson Co. Planing mill.  
73—Selling, Hanson Co., Band mill.  
82—Kerry, Hanson, Flooring mill.  
91—Railroad Reserve, south side on Electric light pole.

### Never See Own Discoveries.

Dr. Max Wolf of Heidelberg, to whom astronomy owes the discovery, by the aid of photography, of 28 new asteroids, has himself never seen a single one of those little planets. He has only looked upon the images of stars discovered by him, leaving to other "searchers of the sky" the pleasure of viewing them through telescope.

### Bank of Grayling.

Successor to Crawford County Exchange Bank.  
MARIUS HANSON  
PROPRIETOR.  
Interest paid on certificates of deposit. Collections promptly attended to. All accommodations extended that are consistent with safe and conservative banking.  
MARIUS HANSON, Cashier.

### Village Officers

President.....John F. Him  
Clerk.....S. S. Phelps Jr.  
Assessor.....Fred Narrin  
Treasurer.....H. Hanson  
Sergeant.....W. Brink  
T. Jerome, S. N. Insley, Chas. McCullough, W. Jorgenson.

### Society Meetings.

Methodist Episcopal Church.  
Pastor Rev. James J. J. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath school, 9.45 a. m. Epworth League, 6.00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7.00 p. m. All cordially invited to attend.

### Presbyterian Church.

Regular church services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Sabbath school, 9.45 a. m. Epworth League, 6.00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7.00 p. m. All cordially invited to attend.

### Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. J. Cunningham, Pastor. Services as follows: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath school, 9.45 a. m. Epworth League, 6.00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7.00 p. m. All cordially invited to attend the above services.

### Danish Ev. Lutheran Church.

Rev. P. K. Nielsen, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school at 9.45 a. m. Public lecture Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

### St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Services every first and third Sunday of the month. Confession on Wednesday, 7.00 p. m. and 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, 9.45 a. m. Epworth League, 6.00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7.00 p. m. All cordially invited to attend the above services.

### Grayling Lodge No. 356 F. & A. M.

Meets in regular communication on Thursday evening of each month at 7.30 o'clock.  
J. F. HUM, Sec.

### Marvin Post No. 240, G. A. R.

Meets the second and fourth Saturdays in each month at 7.30 p. m.  
A. L. FOND, Adj. Com.

### Women's Relief Corps, No. 162.

Meets on the second and fourth Saturdays at 7 o'clock in the afternoon.  
MRS. ELLA BROTT, President.  
MRS. ANNA HAYES, Sec.

### Grayling Chapter R. A. M. No. 120

Meets every third Tuesday in each month.  
G. W. TYLER, H. P.

### Grayling Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 187

Meets every Tuesday evening.  
A. ROBERTS, N. G.  
PETER BORCHERS, Sec.

### Crawford Tent, K. O. T. M. M. 165

Meets first and third Saturdays of each month.  
GEO. CRANDALL, Com.  
M. BRENNER, R. K.

### Grayling Chapter, O. E. S. No. 981

Meets Wednesday evening of each week before the full moon. MRS. EMMA A. BROTT, W. M. MRS. EVA PHELPS, Sec.

### Court Grayling, I. O. F. No. 790

Meets second and last Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p. m.  
F. M. FREELAND, R. S.

### Companion Court Grayling No. 652, I. O. F.

Meets the second and last Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p. m. over at Peterson's Hall.  
MRS. NELLIE McNEVIN, C. R.  
EMMA AMOS, Record Keeper

### Crawford Hiv, 690, L. O. T. M. M.

Meets first and third Saturdays of each month.  
NANCY DECKROW, Lady Com.  
EMMA AMOS, Record Keeper

### Garfield Circle, No. 16, Ladies of the G. A. F.

Meets the second and fourth Friday evening in each month.  
ANNA HARRINGTON, President.  
BERTHA OAKS, Secretary.

### Crawford County Grange, No. 994

Meets at 7.30 p. m. Hall, first and third Saturday of each month at 7.30 p. m.  
GEORGE BELMORE, Master.  
MAUDE BELMORE, Secretary.

### M. W. O. A. Camp No. 10428

Meets first and third Thursday evenings at 7.30 p. m. at the M. W. O. A. Hall.  
M. A. BATES, Clerk.

### Grayling Rebekah Lodge No. 352 I. O. O. F.

Meets every Monday evening.  
EDITH A. BOTT, N. G.  
ADA BORCHERS, Sec.

### Grayling Lodge 473 I. B. of M. of W. E.

Meets every and last Mondays in each month at 7.30 p. m. at the M. W. O. A. Hall.  
J. E. WINSLOW, Sec.

### Skandinavian F. P.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 7.30 p. m. at the M. W. O. A. Hall.  
JOHN OLSON, Secretary.  
DANIEL STORCK, Master and all those of each month.  
MAREN PETERSON, Pres.  
CHRISTINE NELSON, Sec.

### Danebod Hall.

Open Saturday evening 8.00-9.30. Sunday 2.00-5.00 p. m. Young People's Society meets the first and third Thursday evening of every month, during all other Thursday evening.

### Unity Lodge No. 1362 M. B. A.

Meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the Maccabee Hall.  
P. D. BORCHERS, Sec.

### Awful Fate of Blasphemer.

A terrible tale comes from Tashkent, Nov. 24, in the Balkans, concerning the lynching of a blasphemer by an infuriated mob of Mohammedans. The victim was a common laborer, and in course of drunken vaporing he gave utterance to certain blasphemous remarks which aroused the listening crowd to frenzy. The man was dragged into the yard of an adjacent house, and held down whilst a quantity of lead was melted. He was then ordered to open his mouth, and as he refused and kept it tightly closed his lips were forced apart and his teeth broken, after which the molten lead was poured down his throat.

### No Game Like Baseball.

There is no game that can steadily be so many spectators during the course of its season as baseball. There is no sport that gives so much pleasure to so many of our people as watching a ball game. In fact, baseball exercise, in no game, is so universally enjoyed. In fact, it is the only game that is so popular among the American boy and girl. From the "water camp" of the "olden time" to the "baseball" of the "new time," it has been a favorite pastime of the American people.

### Waterproof Paper.

Japanese waterproof paper is made of fibers of bamboo and eucalyptus mixed with fibers of the amyl and other substances. The fibers are torn apart, dried, cleaned, scraped, boiled in weak dye and washed with water. They are then benton and mixed with a viscous infusion of certain roots and a solution containing camphor, caoutchouc and resin. The sheets formed from this pulp are calendered at various temperatures. The paper is light, washable and very difficult to tear. It is used to imitate leather and india rubber and for a great many other purposes.

### No Royalties Called Easy.

One noteworthy feature about royalties is that none have been called "easy." From their earliest years the royal children are always called by their names, or possibly by some pet name, but an English prince or princess is never called "baby" either by relatives or by his (or her) nurses. From the age of five a prince is called "sir" by his attendants, and a princess "madam."

### Old Cannons Found Near Naples.

A Rome correspondent informs us that some very interesting discoveries have been made in the course of excavation works around the island of Lido at Naples, where a number of ancient pieces of artillery have been found beneath six feet of mud. The cannons are all by a state of excellent preservation, though it is clear from their construction that they must date back to a period almost immediately after the discovery of gunpowder; and it is believed that they will prove of very great artistic and historical value.

### Road Building in France.

The French and of the Corniche road is kept in perfect repair by a road gang that is always on hand. The men live in a big stone building which is hauled along by the steam roller, that also acts as a traction engine. Crushed stone is ready at hand. It is spread by manual labor and rolled in by the heavy machine. In this way the roads never go to wreck and the cost of repairing is kept small.

### Theft of a Corpse.

A creepy story of the mysterious disappearance of a corpse comes from Vercors, France. A short time ago a young woman named Alexandrine Laurent died at Vercors, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery. A few days ago Alexandrine's mother died, and the relatives decided to bury her in the same grave as the daughter. When the grave was uncovered it was found that the bier had been turned upside down. The coffin, an oak one, was intact, and on being opened it was found to be empty. The girl's body had disappeared absolutely.

### Farmers Buying Autos.

The number of automobiles owned by farmers is growing rapidly. Out of 10,000 autos in Iowa, 6,000 are owned by farmers. Kansas farmers spent \$3,300,000 for automobiles during 1909, and \$2,750,000 in 1908. In one Nebraska town of 800 population, 40 autos were sold last year to farmers near the town and retired farmers in the town. Careful estimate of the number of automobiles owned by farmers in the entire United States is 70,000.



# QUEER NOTIONS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

**Q**UAINT and curious are some of the old customs, beliefs and superstitions of past ages which have come down through different countries regarding Christmas eve and Christmas. Many of these pertain so closely to the rites and ceremonies of heathendom that the connection may be easily traced; others spring obviously from legends, incidents and history surrounding the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; the birth of Jesus, the adoration of the three kings and the shepherds and the life and teachings and final martyrdom of the Christ. Most of these described here are so strange and out-of-the-ordinary that it is safe to say few readers are familiar with any of them.

Throughout Europe the people engaged in farming and agricultural pursuits generally have always regarded Christmas eve and Christmas as

the night before Christmas. "If one howl on that night he will go mad within the year. Lights should be kept burning all of Christmas eve. If they are allowed to go out some one in the house will die. When the lights are brought in, on Christmas eve, if anyone's shadow has no head he will die within the year; if it has only half a head, the death will occur during the second half-year. If a hoop comes off a eak on Christmas eve, someone in the house will die during the year."

Somewhat more cheerful is the belief that if you make a little heap of salt on the table and it does not melt before morning you will live at least a year longer. Who to him whose salt pile melts, however, for he will die within the year, the comforting part lying in the fact that a salt heap is not likely to melt, although some one having a spite against the maker of the salt heap

might cause it to diminish and appear to melt away by carrying it off.

Lead, steel and vermin may be circumvented if the proper precautions are taken. For the first wear a shirt spun, woven and sewed by a poor, chaste maiden on Christmas day, wear something sewed with thread spun on Christmas eve and the vermin will stick to you.

It is a superstition at "sermon time" on Christmas morning he can see spirits, a burn either on Christmas eve and you will have revealed to you all the witticisms and sorcerers in the neighborhood.

Thieves will find it consoling to know that if they steal anything on Christmas without being caught they can safely steal things all the year. Likewise, steal hay and give to your cattle, and not only will they thrive all the year and grow fat, but you will not be caught in any of your future thefts.

A Christmas day passed without eating any beans and you will become an ass; eat a raw egg on Christmas morning, fasting, and you can carry heavy weights.

If you have been disappointed, save the crumbs for three Christmas eves and they will be effective as a physic, shake out the tablecloth over the bare ground under the open sky after your Christmas dinner and crumbwort will grow there; hang a wash cloth on a hedge on Christmas day or Christmas eve, then groom the horses with it and they will grow fat.

Take great care of your fire on Christmas morning; if it burn brightly that betokens prosperity for all the coming year. If it smolder, beware, for that portends misfortune and adversity.

It is unlucky to give to a neighbor a live coal with which to kindle a fire on Christmas morning; also it is unlucky to carry a coal or anything else from the house on Christmas morning until something has first been brought in.

Our Christmas tree which is a feature of most public Christmas eve celebrations, and in many homes, is comparatively new in Christendom, but it springs from some very ancient customs. The Egyptians regarded the date palm as an emblem of immortality and of the starlit firmament and at the time of the winter solstice decked their houses with its branches. It was held by them to be "a symbol of life," triumphant over death, and therefore of perennial life in the renewal of each bounteous year.

A Scandinavian myth speaks of a "aerle tree" sprung from the blood-drenched soil where two lovers had been killed by violence. During the Christmas season mysterious lights which no wind could extinguish were often seen flaming in its branches. A later explanation of the Christmas tree dates back to Martin Luther and tells of him attempting to describe to his family the beauties of a snow-covered forest under a starry sky. Unable to make them comprehend satisfactorily, he went into the garden, cut a small fir tree and set it up in the nursery with its branches covered with lighted candles.

At about the season when we celebrate Christmas the Jews celebrated their Feast of Lights, or the Feast of Dedication, of which lighted candles are a prominent feature. "The Night of Dedication," Christmas eve is called in Germany, while the "Feast of Lights" is celebrated also in Greece, at our Christmas time, although Christmas is a dismal time in Greece, being disliked by that warm-loving people because it is cold and dreary—also a favorite season for ghosts and goblins to walk abroad.

During the middle ages the Christmas tree became an institution at Strasburg and was familiar along the Rhine for 200 years before its popularity extended throughout the rest of the world.

Christmas cards, which may now be had in every degree of elaborateness and gorgeousness at prices from a penny each upward, are compar-



IF ANYONE'S SHADOW HAS NO HEAD, THAT PERSON WILL DIE DURING THE YEAR

atively new. The extent to which they are used has, of course, increased correspondingly with the general popularity of the post card.

Joseph Cundall, a London artist, claims to have issued the first Christmas card proper in 1843. It was a lithograph, hand-colored, about the size of a lady's visiting card. In 1862 cards of this character were first issued in large numbers. They were still of the visiting card size, inscribed, simply, "A Merry Christmas." Later holly, mistletoe, embossed robins and figures and landscapes were added until the present stage has been reached.

As a forerunner of the Christmas card were the "school pieces" and "Christmas pieces" of the early part of the nineteenth century. These were sheets of plain writing paper surrounded with elaborate pen, flourishes and scrolls, and sometimes headed with copperplate engravings, plain and colored. Schoolboys used them at the holiday season, says the writer, "for carefully written letters exploiting the progress they had made in composition and chirography. Charity boys were large purchasers of these pieces, and at Christmas time used to take them around their parish to show and at the same time to solicit a trifle.

Modeling for Children

"Making Things" in Clay Give Pupils Idea of Artistic Beauty and Form.

There are sculptors who make a specialty of portrait busts and statuettes of children and recently a movement has been started to make plastic art in the form of small models and figures distributed among the public schools, a medium for teaching new artistic ideals in young minds.

Strangely enough, the idea of giving the children a lump of clay and setting them to "making something" themselves seems never to have occurred except to a few of our school teachers. In many schools the kindergarten sand box is about the nearest approach to it, but in some of the public schools in great cities modeling in clay is taught in the primary grades.

Modeling, the concrete expression of the sense of form, is the beginning of all art. "The vital law lying at the root of all that I have ever tried to teach," says Ruskin, "is the dependence of all noble design in any kind, on the sculpture or painting of organic form."

The appreciation of form, as Mr. Schreiber argues, can never be so well taught as when the pupil has a bit of clay in his hands, and that it is natural is well proved by the desire of every child to mold something out of mud, if by play is to be had. The children at the seashore try their best to "build something," though the sand slips away. So they wet it, and do the best they can. Give any normal child some clay and see how easily it learns to model familiar objects and how eagerly it amuses itself with this artistic play.

It is along the pathway of clay that a child can be most easily instructed, being taught to see exactly and to reproduce more and more skillfully as it gains skill by practice. It is education of eye and hand at the same time. The joy of creation is aroused, and stimulated and the powers of production are given full play.

If left to its own free will the child is apt to attempt the complex rather than the simple and therefore a certain amount of suggestion and guidance is necessary. To this end an entire series of models have been set as a course that will help to lay the foundation for later artistic education.

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## THE ONLOOKER



My friend, I know you think of me when the Christmas time draws near.

When lights will gleam upon the trees, And all our world be filled with cheer, I know you think of me, for I am thinking all the while of you. Now there's a plan that we might try With the gift-giving we would do.

Suppose, instead of sending me The gift which even now you plan, You go and find where there may be A child, a woman or a man To whom the good Saint may not come Unless by you-permitted.

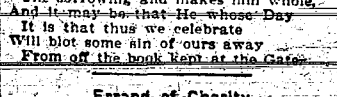
Some one who, patient, worn and numb, Looks at the future weary-eyed.

Suppose, I, too, find such a one—Some eager little girl or boy Whom poverty has robbed of fun—And you give as you'd give to me, To those who sit and wait and sigh And dream of pleasures that might be: Suppose you do—and so will I.

I know the gift that I might send Would fail to rouse the slightest glow Of cheer within your heart, my friend. If you knew that some one had won Some one who had no joy nor mirth Nor dancing shadows on the wall—For Christmas is of little worth Unless it comes to one and all.

So let us make each other gifts—Give us the best that we can give. The kindness that bends and lifts The sorrowing and makes him whole, And let me be that He whose Day It is that thus we celebrate Will blot some sin of ours away From off the book kept at the Gate.

Errand of Charity.



Ah, said the gallant gentleman, "are you going to hang some mistletoe on your chandelier this Christmas?"

"Oh, dear, no," replied the coy damsel. "I am chairman of our committee on charity, you know, and I am distributing the mistletoe among those girls who have quit having birthdays."

Bonnets and Presents.

For him there is no joy in spring, Though flowers bloom and robins sing; For him there is no Christmas gleam, When stockings hang upon the tree.

For in the winter wind and time, The mistletoe, two-headed, three-legged girl.

Willing to Wait.

"Brother, Wash'mon," says the preacher, "I ain't seen 'ye 'at do 'p'racted meetin' so far. I 'a comin' to 'ye 'ouse fo' din'ner nex' Sunday 'a sholy des'igns to see 'ye 'in de fol' afo' dat day."

"Well, brother Johnnie, I 'ee been layin' out ter come mos' any night, but tonight I 'ee intendin' to proj'ect-roun'—wha' I happens ter know dey is two sin' fast pullets—on er' I git dem—tonight I'll sho' be 'at p'racted meetin' tomorrow night."

"Well, brother Wash'mon, keep a-tryin', even if 'ye has ter come to do mon'ey's bench as late as Saddy night."

The "Outlook."

"What in the world made Mr. Wall-street turn on you and swear so terribly and shake his fists and grow so purple in the face and stamp his feet and carry on in that manner?" we ask of our friend who has made haste to leave the side of Mr. Wallstreet.

"Hanged! if I understand him," replies our friend, "was chatting with him over the political and financial situation, and when I asked him what he thought about the outlook he went into a perfectly hysterical spell."

Another Version.

Mrs. Leo was spending the afternoon with Mr. Washington on that bright and balmy day early in the eighteenth century when little George cut down the cherry tree. Looking from the window into the orchard, Mrs. Leo saw a lad hacking away at the tree, and said:

"Mrs. Washington, I do believe that is one of those Carroll boys out there cutting your cherry tree."

"The young rascal!" declared Mrs. Washington. "I'll have Mr. Washington have him thrown into jail as an example to other boys. He's the worst barum-scarum thing in the colony and—"

"Wait a moment," interposed Mrs. Leo, trying a second pair of spectacles. "I was mistaken. It isn't the Carroll boy. It's your George."

"Oh, so it is!" Now isn't he just the guinea-gest thing! He is always imitating the things he sees the grown-up men do. I shall tell his father of this and he will think it is by far the cutest thing George has done since the day he abt the best cow for a deer."

Thibault Neat

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## THE CENSUS OF CANADA

ITS GROWTH IN TEN YEARS

A census of the Dominion of Canada will be made during 1911. It will show that during the past decade a remarkable development has taken place, and when compared with the population a greater percentage of increase in industries of all kinds than has ever been shown by any country.

Commerce, mining, agriculture and railways have made a steady march onward. The population will be considerably over 6,000,000. Thousands of miles of railway lines have been constructed since the last census was taken ten years ago. This construction was made necessary by the opening up of the new agricultural districts in Western Canada, in which there have been pouring year after year an increasing number of settlers.

Until the present year will witness settlement of over 300,000, or a trifle less than one-third of the immigration, to the United States during the same period with its 32,000,000 of population. Even with these hundreds of thousands of newcomers, the great majority of whom go upon the land, there is still available room for hundreds of thousands of additional people.

The census figures will therefore show a great and vast increase in the number of farms under occupation, as well as in the output of the farms. When the figures of the splendid immigration are added to the natural increase, the total will surprise even the most optimistic. To the excellent growth that the western portion of Canada will show may largely be attributed the commercial and industrial growth of the eastern portion of Canada. All Canada is being upbuilt, and in this transformation there is taking part the people from many quarters, but only from those countries that produce the strong and vigorous. As some evidence of the growth of the western portion of Canada, in agricultural industry, it is instructive to point out that over 100,000 homesteads of 160 acres each have been transferred to actual settlers in the past two years. This means 25,000 square miles of territory, and when added to the 10,000,000-acre pre-emption blocks, there is an additional 10,000 square miles, or a total of 35,000 square miles of territory as large as the State of Indiana, and settled within two years. Reduced to the producing capacity imperative on the cultivation of each 160 acres of homestead within three years, there will be within a year and a half from now upwards of 5,000,000 additional acres from this one source added to the entire producing area of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In 1901, at the time of the last census of Canada, successful agriculture in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was an experiment to many. There were skeptics who could not believe that it was possible to grow thirty, forty and even fifty bushels of wheat to the acre, or that as high as one hundred and thirty bushels of oats to the acre could be grown. The skeptics are not to be found today. The evidence of the hundreds of thousands of farmers is too overwhelming. Not only have the lands of western Canada proven their worth in the matter of raising the smaller field grains, but for mixed farming, and for cattle raising there is no better country anywhere. The climate is perfectly adapted to all these pursuits. The soil is admirably fertile. The Dominion government literature, descriptive of the country, is what all that are interested should read. Send for a copy to the nearest Canadian government representative.

Of Course She Must.

"What time does the dance begin?" "Nine o'clock."

"Then we must be there at 8:30." "What for?"

"I must have at least an hour in the dressing room to rearrange my hair."

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Marshmallows if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. Your Druggist, My Druggist, Any Druggist in Michigan.

Severe.

"I don't think there is an honest hair in his head."

"That's right. I believe he'd even cheat at checkers!"

Cause and Effect.

"He's a pot of passion, isn't he?" "Yes, I've seen him fly into one when his virtues were returned."

Worth Its Weight in Gold.

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Mrs. Winifred's Soothing Syrup.

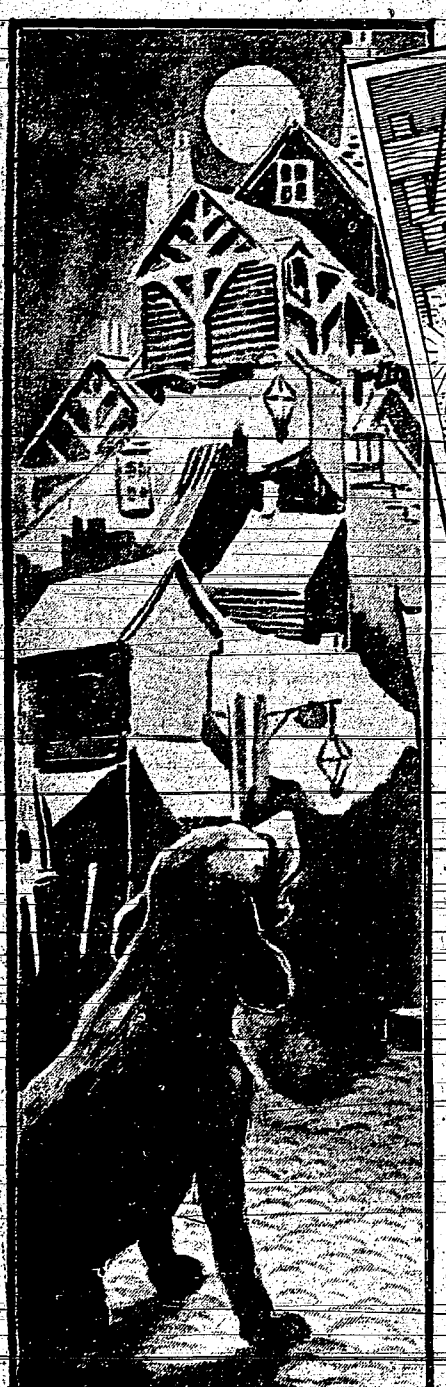
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It is filled with pure eye water.

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IF A DOG HOWLS, HE WILL SURELY GO MAD WITHIN THE YEAR

a season for signs and portents regarding the success or failure of their endeavors for the coming year.

If you beat your trees on Christmas night they were certain to bear better crops than they had the year previously. A like result would follow the tying of stones on every Christmas eve, or to tie straw bands around the orchard trees on Christmas eve would increase their fruitfulness. To make the grass grow well the succeeding year, thrash the ground of your garden with a flail on Christmas eve with only your shirt on.

In several of the old counties of England the custom long survived of "saluting" the apple trees on Christmas eve, and in Sussex they used to "wassail," or "warsle" and chant verses to them.

"Christmas time is regarded by the maidens of many countries as the season when the oracles are pleased to give them information concerning their love affairs, telling them by various processes what will be the color of their lover's hair and his eyes, his occupation and whether present love affairs will terminate happily or otherwise.

Some of these curious beliefs hinge on the exact time of the birth of Jesus, Scotch folklore has it that he was born at midnight of Christmas eve, and that the miracle of turning water into wine was later also performed at that hour. This belief is also recognized in parts of Germany where it is held that water turns to wine between the hours of eleven and twelve on Christmas eve, while in other sections of that country the change is believed to take place on Christmas night.

Gossips in Germany must find great satisfaction in the superstition that if one walks into the winter corn on Christmas eve he will hear all that will happen in the village that year. Likewise, if one goes to the crossroads on Christmas day he will hear "that which most concerns him for the coming year."

Dogs should have a care as to their actions

The Kindness of Victor Hugo

Great Writer Carries Bundle for Old Woman and Sarah Bernhardt Hugs Him in Appreciation.

One day when the rehearsal was over an hour earlier than usual, I was waiting, my forehead pressed against the window pane, for the arrival of Mme. Guérard, who was coming to fetch me. I was gazing idly at the opposite footpath, which is bounded

by the Luxembourg railings. Victor Hugo had just crossed the road and was about to walk on. An old woman attracted his attention. She had just put a heavy bundle of linen on the ground and was wiping her forehead, on which were great beads of perspiration.

In spite of the cold, her toothless mouth was half open, as she was panting and her eyes had an expres-

sion of distressing anxiety, as she looked at the wide road she had to cross, with carriages and omnibuses passing each other. Victor Hugo approached her, and after a short conversation, he drew a piece of money from his pocket, handed it to her, then taking off his hat he knelt on the ground and, with a quick movement and a laughing face, lifted the bundle to his shoulder and crossed the road, followed by the bewildered woman. I rushed downstairs to embrace him for it, but by the time I had reached

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Now's the Time

Not a year from now, when the old farm is your inheritance, you will be a wealthy man. The products secured from the abundant crops of wheat, oats and barley, as well as cattle, range and game, will bring you a large income. The government grants show that the number of settlers in Western Canada from the 1st of January, 1901, to the 31st of December, 1910, was 1,000,000.

Many farmers have paid for the land, and the proceeds of one crop, 100 acres of 160 acres at \$3.00 an acre, and 200 acres at \$2.00 an acre, and 300 acres at \$1.00 an acre, and 400 acres at 50¢ an acre, and 500 acres at 25¢ an acre, and 600 acres at 12½¢ an acre, and 700 acres at 6¼¢ an acre, and 800 acres at 3¼¢ an acre, and 900 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,000 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,100 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,200 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,300 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,400 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,500 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,600 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,700 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,800 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 1,900 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,000 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,100 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,200 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,300 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,400 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,500 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,600 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,700 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,800 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 2,900 acres at 1⅞¢ an acre, and 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Mr. Chugwater—It comes from the Latin word mil, meaning a thousand, and wau, Kee, a Chinaman; Milwaukee, a thousand Chinamen. Think you can remember that?

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POLICY. Calvin—The doctor forbids me to drink champagne.

Ruth—Forbids you to drink champagne?

Calvin—Well, until after his bill is paid.

Without Malice. "What have you done?" exclaimed Mrs. Cumrox, as she flourished a letter at him.

"Has that anything to do with the correspondence I tried to help you with?"

"It has. It's an indignant protest. I told you to address that distinguished pianist as 'Herr Professor.'"

"And I did so."

"Yes. But you wrote it 'Hair Professor!'"

WONDERED WHY. "Found the Answer Was 'Coffee.'"

"Many pale, sickly persons wonder for years why they have to suffer so, and eventually discover that the drug—caffeine—in coffee is the main cause of the trouble."

"It was always very fond of coffee and drank it every day. I never had much sleep and often wondered why I was always so pale, thin and weak."

"About six years ago my health completely broke down and I was confined to my bed. My stomach was in such condition that I could hardly take sufficient nourishment to sustain life."

"During this time I was drinking coffee, didn't think I could do without it."

"After awhile I came to the conclusion that coffee was hurting me, and decided to give it up and try Postum. I didn't like the taste of it at first, but when it was made right—boiled until dark and rich—I soon became fond of it."

"In one week I began to feel better. I could eat more and sleep better. My sick headaches were less frequent and within five months I looked and felt like a new being—headache spells entirely gone."

"My health continued to improve and today I am well and strong, weigh 148 pounds. I attribute my present health to the life-giving qualities of Postum."

Read "The Road to Wellville" in Pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A very common complaint. Many of them are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## MORAL MEASURES UP TO CONGRESS

Passage of Eight Legislative Acts Asked by International Reform Bureau.

INTERESTING INQUIRY BEGUN

Commission Trying to Devise Law for the Compensation of Injured Employees—Many House Employees Soon to Lose Jobs.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington—Congress has been asked to pass this winter eight legislative acts, the advocates of which call them "moral measures." The International Reform Bureau is at work with a militant uplift spirit which refuses to be cast down. The house and senate are not always ready or willing to pass these "moral measures," but they are always anxious not to appear to be antagonistic to the bills except on the ground of unconstitutionality or for some other reason which cannot be considered as springing from a desire to stand against morality.

Former Senator Henry W. Blair is the president of the Reform Bureau which has for its secretary and moving spirit Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts. The bureau has endorsed and commended to churches and reform societies for support these legislative measures: "To remove the federal shield of interstate commerce from the 'original packages' imported into 'dry' territory." "To prohibit interstate transportation of race gambling odds and bets." "To prohibit interstate transportation of pictures and descriptions of prize-fighting." "To prohibit Sunday toll and traffic in the District of Columbia." "To prohibit saloons in Hawaii." "To prohibit the United States district attorneys from engaging in private practice." "To forbid liquor selling in shops and buildings used by the United States government." "To restrain the traffic in opium."

New England Enjoys Mosby. Colonel John S. Mosby, who in the civil war days was called a "guerrilla" and who now is called "a noted Confederate cavalry leader," has been lecturing in New England, a section of the country which forty-seven years ago was demanding that he be captured and treated like a pirate. The years that have gone by have softened the animosities of war time and now New England is listening with a keen kind of pleasure to the old veteran's raiding stories of the civil war.

Colonel Mosby is a noted figure in the capital. His face is that of the novel and picture book soldier. He is hawk-nosed, sharp-eyed and little-framed. It was only a year ago that the colonel was in the hospital under a severe operation. The surgeon said the colonel would die. The colonel said he would not die, and he did not.

Has Interesting Task. A commission composed of six members of congress and two non-official associates is just now engaged in an investigating work which several of the members declare is the most interesting they ever took their attention. The commission is endeavoring to find some means by which damage suits brought by injured employees against their employers may be adjusted without recourse to the courts and without the tremendous cost which even small damage cases inflict upon the country, the state, or it may be the federal government.

In many countries in Europe there are laws which provide that the employer shall pay a fixed sum for injuries, and the laws have been found to work well. In the United States there is a constitutional difficulty in the way of the passage of laws like those of Europe, and one of the labors of the commission will be to find a way of getting around the obstacle of the constitution without injuring the integrity of the Great Document itself. To take a case in point which will show the problem which the commission is trying to solve may be said that a workman in Pennsylvania sued for damages because of an injury which he had received. He was awarded \$1,000 by the court. Of this amount he was compelled to pay \$500 to his attorney and he had left only \$500 to support his family and to pay the bills which had accumulated while he was incapacitated. The suit cost the taxpayers \$2,500 before it was completed. In other words, the workman in order to get \$500 caused an expense to the country of five times the amount which he received.

There are thousands of such cases in the courts every year. Several of the states already have appointed commissions to consider the general subject of effective laws which will cover the matter and do away with expense and injustice to employer and

MUSTN'T BE TOO TRUTHFUL. Warning to Writers of Fiction Based on a Maine Incident—Real Business of Authors.

Down in Maine they have been enjoying an Enchanted Arden and many feel called upon to declare that "truth is stranger than fiction." Of course it is, though there are still those who greet the revelation with cheers, while quite numerous are the writers who propound appalling narratives and things they can silence their critics by saying "based on fact." Every incident in my novel really happened. What if it did really happen? As truth is stranger than fiction, the business of fiction writers is to make their fiction less strange than truth. Good writers know how. Suppose, for the sake of example, the bishop really ate the canary. A cloud of witnesses swoops in to prove it, with feathers in their hands and a plump bishop in the dock. But in fiction there's no such appeal to evidence. My, my, what pecks of trouble await the novelist

employee. New York already has passed a law which helps a little in the solution of the difficulty. The congressional committee will report early in the next session.

Visitors to Washington are wondering why the great Grant monument is not completed. The pedestal for the statue of the general has been in place for a long time and it is guarded by four huge bronze lions. For months visitors have looked on the pedestal and the lions, but never have seen a sign of working about the monument's site. Meantime statues of other men much less well known to fame have been completed, erected and dedicated. The Grant statue when it is finally finished will stand in the grounds of the botanical gardens facing the capitol. There was a long delay in selecting the site because of tremendous opposition to the place which the committee had given its sanction. The warfare of words waged for weeks, but finally the botanical garden site was authorized.

One of the reasons why many people do not want the statue placed where the committee decided it should stand was that in order to make room for it four magnificent trees would have to be sacrificed. The trees were historic and were known as the "Crittenden elms." The trees were not cut down, but were removed to another place, but on account of their age it is a question whether they will survive.

Hundreds Lose Jobs. Secretaries, clerks, messengers and doorkeepers of the house of representatives have marked Saturday, March 4, 1911, as a black letter day. It may witness the blotting out from the pay roll of the names of hundreds of employees most of whom have served the house of representatives through the long years of unbroken Republican rule.

Major Alexander McDowell of Pennsylvania, veteran of the Civil war and veteran of the congressional service, is the clerk of the house of representatives, a job of prominence and of much legislative importance. Major McDowell is one of the story-tellers of congress. Members say that he speaks a better yarn than either Joseph G. Cannon, Champ Clark or Chauncey M. Depue, the men who usually are considered to be veritable mines of anecdote.

The clerk of the house is good company and the Democrats as well as the Republicans have so found him, but the major's Republicanism is of the kind in which no man of his party can find a flaw and therefore, although he is popular and the best of secretaries, the Democrats are coming into power will sever his services with congress, a bit reluctantly perhaps, but none the less surely.

Now that one comes to think of it, it is a mistake to say that March 4 will be a black letter day because as a matter of fact, unless there shall be an extra session of congress, most of the employees of the present house will continue to draw pay until the next house convenes, for except in the event of calling an extra session, the clerks and the door-keepers and some other employees must continue in the service during the summer months to care for the capitol, but most of the employees while still drawing their salaries will have little to do until next December, when in their cases the real black letter day will dawn.

Pinchot Versus Taft. It recently has been reported that Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot have fallen out. Mr. Pinchot's Washington friends say that the rumor is a joke of the first rank, and that if by any chance there should be a basis of truth in it, the country has a case of severed friendship for the like of which the history of comradeships can furnish few parallels.

The country knew months ago that Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Taft had fallen out. The president has had the last shot at the forester, but it may be that Mr. Pinchot will return the shot in kind. Last summer 76 persons in the employ of the forest service were killed and nearly 200 were injured while fighting forest fires in the northwest. When the casualty lists were all in Mr. Pinchot said publicly that the loss of life and the injuries to the men of the service were due to the fact that congress had been negligent in its appropriations. Mr. Pinchot was bold enough to lay the blame on the shoulders of individual members of congress whom he called by name. These members resented the implication that they were responsible for a policy of murderous economy.

Mr. Taft got back at Mr. Pinchot in this wise. In his annual message, without mentioning Mr. Pinchot's name, of course, but perhaps making his reply more direct by the omission he said that the loss of life and the damage done was not due to the lack of appropriation by congress to meet the emergency. He declared that the secretary of the interior had funds from which the law allowed him to draw in just such cases and that these funds were drawn on to the extent of a million dollars. Mr. Taft believes that congress was in no wise to blame for the casualties in the Northwest last summer. Mr. Pinchot's friends believe that he will have some things further to say on this subject.

(and the readers) when it becomes necessary for a bishop to perform this exhilarating feat!

Up the right reverend genealogical tree goes the novelist, to discover amid its topmost branches some ancestor of the bishop's who ate canaries by the quart. Far afield he runs, searching for the subtle threads of influence that impelled the bishop to the dreadful, dreadful deed. Down into the bishop's soul he crawls, hunting for blind, subliminal motives that spell doom for the canary. He is not content with endowing the catastrophe with mere possibility or mere probability even. He must make it inevitable. Long, long before the horror reveals itself in its final grim and hunger-mugged frightfulness, you must see it coming. And when at last it arrives you say: "Sorry, my dear canary, you should have suspected the bishop from the start."

Clarks imagine that fiction writers should apply a new test to the children of their fancy. Instead of asking, "Is this true to life?" they should ask, "Has this raised up readers prepared to admit that it is true to life?"

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY DEC. 22

## HomeCircleDepartment

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

### THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS.

The time draws near the birth of Jesus, the Christ. Over the world comes a change, momentary but wonderful. For one day the principal motives of human effort cease to act and give away to their opposites. Charity replaces greed; kindness replaces jealousy and hate; brotherhood replaces competition. Rivalry in acquisition yields to rivalry in giving. For one day in the year the conduct of the Christian world conforms not merely in hollow pretense, but in reality, to the precepts of Jesus. There is on earth, if not peace, at least the willingness to cease from strife, and if one day is a little too brief to perfect the feeling and practice of good will toward men, still, considering how great the change is from ordinary habits, we contrive a fair imitation of it. Considering, too, that the Christmas spirit is expected to last for one day only, the world shows, it must be admitted, great respect to the Galilean shepherd by taking so much pains to give an air of verisimilitude to its brief submission to this rule. For one whole day in the year we are Christians in deed as well as name.

The brotherhood of man is the most fertile of all truths. Whatever is good in modern civilization comes from accepting it, whatever is bad, by denying it. Democracy is the teaching of Jesus expressed in government, but thus far the expression has been timid, tentative and inadequate. Inventions will make it possible to express his teachings in industry and commerce. Some wholesale softening of the heart will make us apply his teaching in conduct. There are psychic waves now permeating the world which seem to indicate that some such transformation of civilization may not be far away. Perhaps the kingdom of heaven is nearer than we think with brotherly love for its constitution and justice to all men for its practice. Then Gethsemane and the crown of thorns will become symbols not of tragic failure, but of triumph and the Christmas spirit will be the spirit of every day in the year.

A right round merry Christmas.  
Joy be with you, peace and good will.

A happy home, health and happiness be thine.

In this world not only well wishing but well doing is a colossal virtue.

The life we live gives value to our words and wishes, and so, dear reader, we hope your kindly wishes and cheery greetings may be golden.

Christmas, the home day, the Christ day! May its lessons and its blessings gladden all hearts and make a truth of the common salutation. "A Merry Christmas to you."

"Peace on earth, good will toward men," the grandest of all carols, dearest of all angel hymns—time has destroyed none of its sweetness and has preserved all of its promise.

May love and joy cross the threshold of every home, peace cover the dear ones as a mantle, and gladness so abound, sad memories for a moment may be forgotten.

The one great and essential fact about Christmas is this: that it is the celebration of a birthday. Hence, we will do well to have in remembrance Him for Whom the day is named, and in whose honor it is appointed to be kept. And, having in mind the shepherds and the stable, we will remember how his life, began in simplicity, was lived to the end of it in accordance with this beginning.

It is far more important that parents realize that this pagan error of the ascendancy of Santa Claus should not mislead our children on Christmas Day. In whatever way we may choose to celebrate the day let us somewhere, at the very beginning—before breakfast, at breakfast or directly after breakfast—keep a brief space wherein some one may read the second chapters of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke, closing with the singing of an old Christmas carol, old words to old music in the old way. Then, if you please, let Santa Claus come into the day, but let us remember well what the original Santa Claus, the good Saint Nicholas of Myra, stood for. He showed himself a Saint and earned the reputation which has been his through generations by one dominant characteristic: relieving the necessities of a poor family. He went around very quietly, these nobody was looking

ing and put things in through the window. Thus he has right to be a modest place in our festivities. Let us follow his example. Let us do that sort of cheerful thing. Let us think of one or two, or more, according to our means, to whom we may bring in a quiet, friendly way an added pleasure, with whom we may somehow share the overflowing happiness which fills our fortunate days. And this we will do in the name of Him whose anniversary we keep, remembering—His own poverty, and how He went about doing good; and how He told us that we ought to love others even as He loved us.

Think of Him, who was a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and without a home; yet from His presence, an ocean of consolation has spread and covered the earth with its waters of healing.

### Wants To Help Some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels for all distress from Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, Lassitude and Kidney disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters works wonders for such troubles. "I've bottles," he writes, "which cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for Liver Trouble, Dyspepsia, Blood Disorders, Female Complaints and Malaria. Try them. 50c at A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store.

### SUPERINTENDENTS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Grayling High Schools, For the Month Ending November 25, 1910.

Number enrolled to date between the ages of 4 and 20 years. Male 209, Female 254. Total 463.  
Number enrolled to date between the ages of 7 and 15 years. Male 159, Female 192. Total 351.

Number belonging at the end of the month 414.

Number of girls enrolled 254.

Number of boys enrolled 209.

Total number enrolled (counting none twice) 463.

Total number half days attendance 15,426.

Total number belonging 414.8.

Average daily attendance 381.03.

Percentage of attendance 90.9.

Number not absent during the month 161.

Number, neither absent nor tardy 174.

Number teachers' meetings attended 1.

Number of half days teacher has been absent 6.

Number of times teacher has been tardy 2.

The Seventh Grade had a percentage of attendance of 99 per cent which was the highest of any of the rooms.

The following were neither absent nor tardy during the month: Mable Nelson, Elsie Larson, Marion Shreck, Axel Peterson, Marguerite Burgess, Margaret Foley, Chester LaBeef, Ingrid Jorgensen, Joe Cassidy, Edward Waldron and Clarence Johnson.

CLAYTON A. WHITNEY

Superintendent.

### M. E. Church.

Sunday, Dec. 25, 1910.

The services at the M. E. church for next Sunday are as follows:

10:30 a. m. Public Service. Subject: "No Room for Jesus."

11:45 a. m. Sunday School.

3:00 p. m. Junior League.

6:00 p. m. Epworth League. Subject: "The Fullness of Times and God's Great Gift." Leader: Ambrose McIntosh.

7:00 p. m. Public Service. Subject: "Sin—It's Eternal Consequences." Special music will be rendered.

Next Saturday, 7 p. m., Christmas Tree and Sunday School exercises.

7:00 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Non-Church goers are especially invited.

JAMES IVEX, Pastor.

## NOTICE.

I am prepared to contract for any carpenter work in the building trade, and will also do any kind of repairing on buildings and furniture, at reasonable rates.

NELS NELSON

At Hans Holse's residence, Phone 263, dec22-1m

## NOTICE.

If any one wishes to give away clothing suitable for children ranging in age from a baby to 12 years, will kindly notify me personally or by phone, I will call and get them, and give them where they are much needed. While you will be making some childish heart's happier at this Christmas time.

J. S. HARRINGTON

Tenant Officer.

### Notice to Tax Payers.

The tax roll for 1910 has been placed in my hands for collection, and taxes will be received every week-day at the Bank:

A. HANSON

Treas. of Grayling T. P.

## MERRY XMAS



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

---SO THIS MEANS A---

## PRESENT

FOR A

## FRIEND.

So, if it's a Gentleman or Lady, we can supply you with your needs.

### For the Men we have

CIGARS, per box from 25c to \$5.00  
CIGAR HOLDERS, from 25c to \$4.00  
CIGAR CASES, from 25c to \$2.00  
PIPES, (in case) from \$1.50 to \$9.00

### For the Ladies we have

BOX WRITING PAPER, from 25c to 75c  
CANDIES, per box, from 25c to \$3.00

Come in and look over our line.

## Olaf Sorenson & Sons.

### Manistee & N. E. R. R.

#### Time Card

In effect Oct. 2, 1910.

Read Down.	Read Up.
A. M. P. M.	P. M. P. M.
9:40 2:25 Grayling ar	1:25 9:20
9:53 2:35 " Resort W	1:15 9:05
10:33 3:12 " Sigma W	12:37 8:25
11:00 3:32 " Rowley W	12:45 7:58
12:15 3:55 " Walton W	11:45 7:20
12:55 4:28 " Buckley W	10:33 6:29
1:15 4:44 " Glengarry W	10:30 6:14
2:05 5:35 " Kaleva W	10:29 6:09
2:15 5:54 " Chief Lake W	9:10 5:09
2:21 6:30 " Norwalk W	9:04 5:00
2:45 6:17 " Manistee W	8:40 4:35
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9:07 5:28 " Copemish W	11:00 5:28
9:24 5:32 " Neenah W	10:49 5:16
9:37 5:52 " Platte Riv W	10:17 4:28
9:56 6:05 " Lake Ann W	10:14 4:23
10:11 6:23 " Solon W	9:53 4:04
10:17 6:30 " Pouch W	9:47 3:56
10:30 6:48 " Traverse C	9:35 3:40

#### CONNECTIONS:

At Walton for points north and south on G. R. & I. R. R.  
At Kaleva for points on P. M. R. R.  
At Manistee for Chicago and Milwaukee via boat lines.

E. A. MICHAEL

Gen. Traffic Mgr.

D. RIELY,

Gen. Pass. Agt.

### Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has been troubled with a cough since. It is the best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store.

The Married Voice.  
A dramatic artist has been saying that our most accomplished players cannot reproduce on the stage the "married voice." Even when they are married. There is a peculiar domestic note—used at home—which cannot get over the footlights and was never meant for publicity.

### Banks On Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills again," writes A. Schlegel, 647 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y. "They cured me of chronic constipation when all others failed." Unequalled for Biliousness, Jaundice, Indigestion, Headache, Chills, Malaria and Debility. 25c at A. M. Lewis drug store.

## BRINK'S GROCERY

Successor to S. S. Phelps Jr.

Is the best place to buy your groceries.

## WHY?

Because the stock is fresh and the prices are right

Come and See for Yourself.

## Stephenson Union Suits



Outwear All Others

For Sale by

## SALLING HANSON CO.

## Washburns-Crosby's GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

The World's best possible

## MAKES

## BETTER AND CHEAPER

## BREAD

than any other kind of flour

## BUY IT

## TRY IT!

## SALLING HANSON CO

## What to Give a Man!

A nice comfortable pair of Slippers is an excellent gift, any man would be glad to get a pair. A nice Shirt is also hard to beat in man's esteem. A box of Hosiery, A couple of stylish Ties, a suit of underwear. The list is long, we could mention scores of things that a man would be pleased, very much pleased, to find on Christmas.

## PRESENTS. SUCH PRESENTS FOR WOMEN.

Women's Felt Slippers and nice Dress Shoes, a long black coat, a Skirt or a nice Silk Waist would make an excellent present. Call in and see our full line of Ladies' Belts, Neck Scarfs, Barretts, Back Combs, plain and fancy handkerchiefs, Collars, Ties and Jabots put up in fancy Holly and Christmas boxes.

## A. KRAUS & SON.

LEADING DRY GOODS STORE.

### A HAPPY HOME IN REACH OF ALL

Joy AND SICKNESS DON'T CHUM TO BE HAPPY KEEP WELL

USE ONLY

### DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

TO CURE

### COUGHS AND COLDS WHOOPING COUGH AND ALL DISEASES OF THROAT AND LUNGS

Price 50c and \$1.00

SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY

### A. M. LEWIS & CO.

### IT HAS BROUGHT JOY TO Millions



## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 22

### Local and Neighborhood News.

#### Take Notice

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday forenoon, and cannot be considered later.

#### A Merry Christmas to all.

Christmas letters, something new at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Order your coat of Salling, Hanson Co. Prices low, and prompt delivery.

Xmas Post Cards now on sale at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

You will be interested in Hathaway's ad this week.

Christmas Holly for sale at Sorenson's Cigar store.

Mrs. M. Brenner was visiting friends in Johannesburg last week.

Buy your Xmas presents at Brenner's Cash Store and save money.

For just a suggestion look up Sorenson's advertisement.

Hot and Cold Drinks at the Central Drug Store.

\$6.00 and \$7.00 hand tailored pants for \$3.25 at Brenner's Cash Store.

Geo. Langevin delivers St. Charles coal at your house. Phone 591.

#### Bates sells the best Coal.

Order your coal of Salling, Hanson Co. Prices low, and prompt delivery.

Extra fine chamber acts and big bargains at Brenner's Cash Store.

A dollar will go a long way, if you find the special in Hathaway's window, each day.

Wonderful Holiday Bargains after December 10th, at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

C. E. Bingham and family will take a two weeks holiday vacation, visiting old friends.

Ladies buy your husband a nice flannel shirt for Xmas. \$2.50 Royal at \$1.48 at Brenner's Cash Store.

Let me quote you a price on Royal or Asbestos Roofing, put on F. R. Deekrow.

Beech and Maple Block Wood for furnaces. Leave orders with SALLING, HANSON COMPANY.

A few pure strain, White Leghorn Cockerels left for sale. Enquire at this office.

The Christmas trade in Grayling has been unprecedented this year. Our advertising columns give the reason why.

We carry the biggest line of post cards in the city. Xmas and New Years cards, 4 for 5 cents at Brenner's Cash Store.

Five Bathroom Outfit in display window No. 400 Cedar street. F. R. Deekrow.

St. Charles Coal is the best ever brought to this market. For sale by Geo. Langevin, Phone No. 591.

Leave your order for Ice Cream, for your Xmas Dinner at the Central Drug Store.

A letter from O. B. Shook, renewing his subscription, reports good health and prosperous times. Their new address is Miller, Lake Co., Ind.

COAL—I have a large supply of the best St. Charles coal on the road and will deliver at right price. Phone 591. Geo. Langevin.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

Gentlemen when you get ready for a new suit call in and see. Satisfaction guaranteed. Shop over Colten's Restaurant. A. E. Hendrickson. dec-14

I have been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me. writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

An examination of the windows in several stores in Grayling will satisfy anyone that there is no necessity of sending to "Shears, Sawbuck & Co.," or any other outside city for anything in the line of Christmas gifts.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from the effects of a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds and have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

The Title Guarantee and Surety Co. of Saranton, Pa., is among the strongest in the world. Bonds for School, Township, County or state officials, written by them are accepted everywhere, and at so small a cost that no one need be dependent on the kindness of personal friends.

O. PALMER, Agent.

#### Sealskin and Alligator Hand Bags at Central Drug Store.

A pair of gold-bowed glasses were picked up on the street Tuesday p. m., and left at this office for the owner, upon identification.

Christmas cards, the latest and best assortment. Sorenson's Furniture Store.

W. W. Palmer expects to leave this p. m. to eat an Illinois turkey with his daughter at Elgin, Ill. He will stop a day or two in Chicago on his return.

Watch for the fine line of cigars for Xmas Gifts for the men, at Sorenson Cigar Store.

Gust Wilde came in from camp about two weeks ago, being ill, and grew slowly worse, until last Tuesday he was taken to a Detroit hospital for treatment.

Christmas goods, the line that satisfies, will be on display, December 10, Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Christmas trees have been delivered in all parts of the village during the week, more freely than ever, and home-comers are numerous, all proving the prosperity of the season.

Secure your Christmas presents at the great Bargain Sale at Salling-Hanson Co's store, from December 17 to 24.

A Christmas gift that will be appreciated, be it big or small, can without difficulty be selected from our large stock displayed after December 10th. Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Xmas and New Year Cards at Central Drug Store.

A fine Spalding Jersey Sweater would be a nice Xmas gift. Sorenson's Cigar Store.

Special prices on ready subscriptions of magazine at Sorenson's Cigar Store.

Great Bargain Sale of useful Christmas presents at Salling-Hanson Co's store, December 17 to 24. Don't miss it.

Miss Gladys Peck came home last week from a four months session, night and day in caring for an invalid Aunt in Shawassaw county who is slowly dying from cancer. She certainly deserves the rest.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

The best place to secure useful Christmas presents is at the Bargain Sale, at Salling-Hanson Co's store from December 17 to 24. Go and be convinced.

L. A. LaChapelle, "Ex-Devil" of the AVALANCHE office, who has become an expert typographer in newspaper work, has gone to the residence of his mother, in Wisconsin, where he seeks for a place to take another degree in the "4th Estate."

Go to O. Sorenson's & Son's Headquarters for fine candies and cigars.

Mrs. Lizzie Foley, of Oscoda Co., with little Miss Gertrude, came to our city Monday, to spend the week with "Our Twins"—and with her sister, Mrs. Jas. J. Collen. They will make a gay family gathering, as Mrs. Foley was one of our girls some time in the last century.

When planning buying Christmas presents, remember the Great Bargain Sale at Salling-Hanson Co's store, December 17 to 24, and save money.

We have a big line of large hand painted pictures with fine large frames a fine present for the home, very cheap. Come and see them at Brenner's Cash Store.

M. C. R. R. express No. 205 Tuesday afternoon, broke a drive wheel near Horrikan and delayed the train several hours. Conductor Barnhart had to wait back to Grayling for help, after protecting the approaches from other trains. The morning express going north did not arrive here until after eight o'clock.

Look no longer! Give a BISSELL CARPET SWEEPER, it's sure to please. A large selection of these Sweepers on display at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Did you read O. Sorenson's & Son's ad in this issue, if not, why not read it? It will do you good.

DIED—At his home in this village Tuesday, Dec. 20, Thomas Lucy, Sr., aged 82 years. The deceased is an old resident of this place and for many years has been a faithful employee of Salling-Hanson Co. His wife has been a confirmed invalid for a quarter of a century or more, and the tender and watchful care of her, by the deceased, and their family has given them the highest esteem of the community. For some months past he had been in poor health, and his overwork and anxiety undoubtedly hastened his death. The family will receive the fullest sympathy of all our people.

Woman's Latest Conquest. Sea otter has been regulated for the adornment of fashionable female attire. Heretofore it has been exclusively reserved for the use of men, no doubt on account of its weight and durability.

#### Beautiful X-Mas Service.

The Choir and S. S. of the Presbyterian Church gave a most delightful Christmas Entertainment at the church Tuesday evening, in connection with the annual Christmas tree. The program consisted of a musical and a stereopticon entitled "The Christ Child in Art, Story and Song, or The Children's Messia." Thirty-nine beautiful views, representing the childhood and youth of Jesus, with a few added scenes concerning his wonderful manhood, were thrown upon the canvas.

In connection with the closing part "Palm Sunday," by Dore, was rendered especially impressive, because accompanied by the solo, "The Palm" rendered by Fred Alexander.

The music had been carefully prepared by Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Michelson, and Miss Palmer and Miss Russell.

As the Choir and S. S. sang in the darkened auditorium the beautiful song of long ago, nothing being clearly visible but the scenes of the Christ time, the effect was truly most impressive.

After that part of the programme was rendered, the canvas was removed, and a beautiful Christmas tree greeted the crowded house of expectant children and youth.

The gift first announced was one of \$50.00 from Mr. R. Hanson to the S. S. This elicited hearty applause. Altogether it was one of the most artistic and enjoyable entertainments ever rendered in Grayling.

Grayling has a boy scout organization, tho in it's infancy. It began among the boys of a class in the Presbyterian Sunday School but it is not sectarian and members protestant of the various churches of Grayling include at least one loyal Catholic boy. F. G. Walton is the Scout Master.

#### Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, Dec. 25, 1910.

Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Subject—"A Christmas Meditation."

Sabbath School at 11:45 a. m. A. B. Felling, Supt.

Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Preaching at 7:00 p. m. Subject—"The Magi and the Star."

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. HUMPHREY FLEMING, Pastor.

Our line of toys are up-to-date and at prices you never bought here before, Brenner's Cash Store.

## The New Russel Hotel.

H. Charron, Proprietor.

A. Charron, Manager.

### Christmas Menu.

Monday, Dec. 26, 1910.

Oyster Soup

RELISHES

Celery—Olives—Pickles.

MEATS.

Roast Turkey—Cranberry Sauce

Roast Goose with Cranberry Sauce

Roast Pork with Apple Sauce

Roast Beef with Brown Gravy

Rabbit Pot-Pie, Hunters Style

FRUIT SALAD

VEGETABLES

Baked Sweet Potatoes

Mashed Potatoes

Mashed Turnips

DESSERT

Apple Pie—Mince Pie—Pumpkin Pie

English Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce

Assorted Fruits—Mixed Nuts

Coffee and Tea.

MUSIC BY CLARK'S ORCHESTRA

BILL THIRTY FIVE CENTS

## Central Drug Store

While Doing Your

## Christmas Shopping

Call in and look over our line, suitable for Christmas Presents such as

Hand Bags, both Seal and Alligator-Skins  
Toilet Sets Military Hair Brushes  
Thermos Bottles Hot Water Bags  
Hand Mirrors Work Baskets  
Perfumes Condies  
Fine Stationery Toilet Articles.

### Hot Drinks and Ice Cream Soda

Bring us your Family Receipts. Prescription Work a Specialty.

O. W. ROESER, Manager.

PATENT MEDICINES DRUGS

## Job Printing

Neatly and Promptly done

At this office.

## HATHAWAY'S

is the place to buy

### XMAS PRESENTS

Because

1st

There is a larger assortment to choose from.

2nd

You are protected as no misrepresentation of goods is tolerated.

3rd

Prices are as low as is consistent with quality.

4th

You will receive courteous treatment whether you make a purchase or not.

5th

Goods are plainly marked with one price to all.

6th

Because

### Jewelry

Is the Gift of Gifts

We wish you all

### A Merry Xmas.



Save Your

## ASHES!

Put them in a barrel or box and we will call for them and pay you one bar of soap for each bushel. Do not put coal-ashes with the hardwood, as they are not usable.

\*Start at once as the factory will soon be completed.

Yours for good treatment

C. M. Slade & Son.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES

## Christmas

AND

## New Year

## Excursions

VIA

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

TO

ALL points on the Michigan Central R. R.

ALSO TO

Points connecting lines in the State of Michigan (Lower Peninsula) and points in Canada west of Toronto, Ontario.

Going Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1910, and Jan. 1 and 2, 1911.

Returning to reach original starting point not later than midnight of January 3, 1911.

For Particulars Consult Agents.

## L. O. T. M. M.

"The Original Order"

Provides Maternity, Old Age, Death, Disability and Hospital Benefits for Members.

\$5,000,000.00 Paid Out in Benefits

\$700,000.00 in Banks

ASK ANY MEMBER

L. O. T. M. M.

Treasurer's Notice.

I will be a Will Kile's House every Friday in December to collect taxes in Beaver Creek Township.

ARTHUR KILE, Township Treasurer of Beaver Creek.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many winter is a season of trouble. The frost bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles are before Bucklen's Venice Cream. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Sores, Chaps, Blisters, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c. at A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store.

Notice To Tax Payers.

I will be at home in Maple Forest on Monday of each week for the collection of taxes.

JAMES K. BATES, Township Treasurer.

## A Merry Christmas.

### Grayling Mercantile Company

## There is nothing in the world that makes a better CHRISTMAS PRESENT THAN:

A piece of Furniture	Imported Dolls
Couch Covers	Imported China ware
Table Covers	Toys, Domestic and Imported
Brush and Comb Sets	Post Card Albums
Celluloid Case Goods	Picture Books
Shaving Sets	Games
Work Boxes	Sleds
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes	Doll Carriages
Photo Albums	Childrens Furniture, etc.

Don't buy until you see our display of choice new goods, out for your inspection after December 10.

## Sorenson's Furniture Store

# Christmas Holly

## A T BRINK'S GROCERY.

## Our Oysters

### Have the Tang of the Sea

We receive our oysters under the regulations of the Sealshipt System which covers the growing, shucking, shipping, selling of

## SEALSHIPT OYSTERS

### Protected by an Effective System

At the seaside they are packed, solid, into air-tight containers and then SEALED. The ice is on the OUTSIDE of the containers. The containers are in patent Sealshipts.

We have the sole authority to break the seal of Sealshipts. We transfer the oysters to our blue and white porcelain Sealshipt cases. We hand you Sealshipt Oysters in the wax-lined, blue and white Sealshipt paper pail.

Handled in this way, they retain all the freshness and flavor of oysters just taken from the beds. They are all solid meats—not a drop of water has ever been added—no ice has ever touched them. They are economical—a pint is enough for a family of five.

## Peoples Market

F. H. MILKS, Prop'r.



## Crawford Avalanche.

C. P. A. R. R. Editor and Proprietor.

**RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION.**  
One Year.....\$1.50  
Six Months.....75  
Three Months.....40

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A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

### THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS.

The time draws near the birth of Jesus, the Christ. Over the world comes a change, momentary but wonderful. For one day the principal motives of human effort cease to act and give away to their opposites. Charity replaces greed; kindness replaces jealousy and hate; brotherhood replaces competition. Rivalry in acquisition yields to rivalry in giving. For one day in the year the conduct of the Christian world conforms not merely in hollow pretense, but in reality, to the precepts of Jesus. There is on earth, if not peace, at least the willingness to cease from strife, and if one day is a little too brief to perfect the feeling and practice of good will toward men, still, considering how great the change is from ordinary habits, we contrive a fair imitation of it. Considering, too, that the Christmas spirit is expected to last for one day only, the world shows, it must be admitted, great respect to the Galilean shepherd by taking so much pains to give an air of verisimilitude to its brief submission to this rule. For one whole day in the year we are Christians in deed as well as name.

The brotherhood of man is the most fertile of all truths. Whatever is good in modern civilization comes from accepting it, whatever is bad, by denying it. Democracy is the teaching of Jesus expressed in government, but this far the expression has been timid, tentative and inadequate. Inventions will make it possible to express his teachings in industry and commerce. Some wholesale softening of the heart will make us apply his teaching in conduct. There are psychic waves now permeating the world which seem to indicate that some such transformation of civilization may not be far away. Perhaps the kingdom of heaven is nearer than we think with brotherly love for its constitution and justice to all men for its practice. Then Gethsemane and the crown of thorns will become symbols not of tragic failure, but of triumph, and the Christmas spirit will be the spirit of every day in the year.

A right round merry Christmas.

Joy be with you, peace and good will.

A happy home, health and happiness be thine.

In this world not only well wishing but well doing is a colossal virtue.

The life we live gives value to our words and wishes, and so, dear reader, we hope your kindly wishes and cheery greetings may be golden.

Christmas, the home day, the Christ day! May its lessons and its blessings gladden all hearts and make a truth of the common-salutation: "A Merry Christmas to you."

"Peace on earth, good will toward men," the grandest of all carols, dearest of all angel hymns—time has destroyed none of its sweetness and has preserved all of its promise.

May love and joy cross the threshold of every home, peace cover the dear ones as a mantle, and gladness so abound, sad memories for a moment may be forgotten.

The one great and essential fact about Christmas is this: that it is the celebration of a birthday. Hence, we will do well to have in remembrance Him for Whom the day is named and in whose honor it is appointed to be kept. And, having in mind the shepherds and the stable, we will remember how his life, began in simplicity, was lived to the end of it in accordance with this beginning.

It is far more important that parents realize that this pagan error of the ascendancy of Santa Claus should not mislead our children on Christmas Day. In whatever way we may choose to celebrate the day let us somewhere, at the very beginning—before breakfast, at breakfast or directly after breakfast—keep a brief space wherein some one may read the second chapter of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke, closing with the singing of an old Christmas carol, old words to old music in the old way. Then, if you please, let Santa Claus come into the day, but let us remember well that the original Santa Claus, the good Saint Nicholas of Myra, stood for. He showed himself a Saint and earned the reputation which has been his through generations by one dominant characteristic: relieving the necessities of a poor family. He went around very quietly, when nobody was look-

ing and put things in through the window. Thus he has right to be a modest place in our festivities. Let us follow his example. Let us do that sort of cheerful thing. Let us think of one or two, or more, according to our means, to whom we may bring in a quiet, friendly way an added pleasure, with whom we may somehow share the overflowing happiness which fills our fortunate days. And this we will do in the name of Him whose anniversary we keep, remembering His own poverty, and how He went about doing good, and how He told us that we ought to love others even as He loved us.

Think of Him, who was a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and without a home; yet from His presence an ocean of consolation has spread and covered the earth with its waters of healing.

### Wants To Help Some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Ferret, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels for all distress from Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, Lassitude and Kidney disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters works wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for Liver Trouble, Dyspepsia, Blood Disorders, Female Complaints and Malaria. Try them. 50c at A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT.

Grayling High Schools, For the Month Ending November 28, 1910.

Number enrolled to date between the ages of 5 and 20 years. Male 209, Female 254. Total 463.  
Number enrolled to date between the ages of 7 and 15 years. Male 159, Female 192. Total 351.  
Number belonging at the end of the month 414.  
Number of girls enrolled 254.  
Number of boys enrolled 209.  
Total number enrolled (counting more than once) 463.  
Total number half days attendance 15,426.  
Total number belonging 418.8.  
Average daily attendance 381.03.  
Percentage of attendance 90.9.  
Number not absent during the month 191.  
Number neither absent nor tardy 174.  
Number teachers' meetings attended 1.  
Number of half days teacher has been absent 6.  
Number of times teacher has been tardy 2.

The Seventh Grade had a percentage of attendance of 90 percent which was the highest of any of the rooms.  
The following were neither absent nor tardy during the month: Mable Nelson, Elsie Larson, Marion Shreck, Axel Peterson, Marguerite Burgess, Margaret Foley, Chester LaBeef, Ingrid Jorgensen, Joe Cassidy, Edward Waldron and Clarence Johnson.

CLAYTON A. WHITNEY, Superintendent.

### M. E. Church.

Sunday, Dec. 25, 1910.

The services at the M. E. church for next Sunday are as follows:  
10.30 a. m. Public Service. Subject: "No Room for Jesus."  
11.45 a. m. Sunday School.  
3.00 p. m. Junior League.  
6.00 p. m. Epworth League. Subject: "The Fullness of Time and God's Great Gift." Leader: Ambrose Melstrup.

7.00 p. m. Public service: Subject: "Sin—It's Eternal Consequences." Special music will be rendered.

Next Saturday, 7 p. m., Christmas Tree and Sunday School exercises.

7.00 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Non-Churchgoers are especially invited.

JAMES IVBY, Pastor.

## NOTICE.

I am prepared to contract for any carpenter work in the building trade, and will also do any kind of repairing on buildings and furniture, at reasonable rates.

NELS NELSON

at Hans Holse's residence. Phone 263. dec22-1m

## NOTICE.

If any one wishes to give away clothing suitable for children ranging in age from a baby to 12 years, will kindly notify me personally or by phone, I will call and get them, and give them where they are much needed. While you will be making some childish hearts happier at this Christmas time.

J. S. HARRINGTON

Treas. of Grayling T. P.

### Notice to Tax Payers.

The tax roll for 1910 has been placed in my hands for collection, and taxes will be received every week-day at the Bank.

H. HANSON,

Treas. of Grayling T. P.

## MERRY XMAS



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

---SO THIS MEANS A---

## PRESENT FOR A FRIEND.

So, if it's a Gentleman or Lady, we can supply you with your needs.

For the Men we have

CIGARS, per box from 25c to \$5.00  
CIGAR HOLDERS, from 25c to \$4.00  
CIGAR CASES, from 25c to \$2.00  
PIPES, (in case) from \$1.50 to \$9.00

For the Ladies we have

BOX WRITING PAPER, from 25c to .75c  
CANDIES, per box, from 25c to \$3.00

Come in and look over our line.

## Olaf Sorenson & Sons.

### Manistee & N. E. R. R.

#### Time Card

In effect Oct. 2, 1910.

Read Down.	Read Up.
A. M. P. M.	P. M. P. M.
9.40 2.25 Grayling ar	1.15 9.00
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10.33 3.12 " Sigma "	12.37 8.25
11.00 3.32 " Rowley "	12.15 7.58
12.15 3.55 " Walton "	11.45 7.20
12.55 4.28 " Buckley "	10.33 6.29
1.15 4.44 " Glengarry "	10.30 6.14
1.08 4.25 " Kaleva "	9.20 5.30
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2.21 5.50 " Norwalk "	8.40 4.35
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9.37 5.52 " Platte Riv "	10.17 4.28
9.56 6.05 " Lake Ann "	10.11 4.23
10.11 6.23 " Solon "	9.53 4.04
10.17 6.30 " Ponch "	9.47 3.56
10.30 6.45 ar Traversa Co	9.35 3.40

#### CONNECTIONS:

At Walton for points north and south on G. R. & I. R. R.  
At Kaleva for points on P. M. R. R.  
At Manistee for Chicago and Milwaukee via boat lines.

E. A. MITCHELL, Gen. Traffic Mgr.

D. RIELY, Gen. Pass. Agt.

### Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It is the best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store.

#### The Married Voice.

A dramatic critic has been saying that our most accomplished players cannot reproduce on the stage the "married voice." Even when they are married. There is a peculiar domestic note—used at home—which can't get over the footlights and was never meant for publicity.

#### Banks On Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills again," writes A. Schlegel, 647 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y. "They cured me of chronic constipation when all others failed. Unguarded for biliousness, jaundice, indigestion, headache, chills, malaria and debility. 25c at A. M. Lewis drug store."

## BRINK'S GROCERY

Successor to S. S. Phelps Jr.

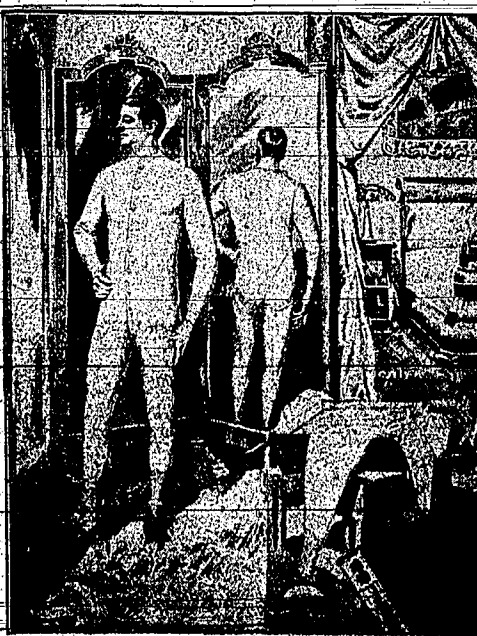
Is the best place to buy your groceries.

## WHY?

Because the stock is fresh and the prices are right

Come and See for Yourself.

### Stephenson Union Suits



Outwear All Others

For Sale by

## SALLING HANSON CO.

## Washburns-Crosby's GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

The World's best possible  
**MAKES  
BETTER AND CHEAPER  
BREAD**

than any other kind of flour  
**BUY IT**

**TRY IT!**  
**SALLING HANSON CO**

## What to Give a Man!

A nice comfortable pair of Slippers is an excellent gift, any man would be glad to get a pair. A nice Shirt is also hard to beat in man's esteem. A box of Hosiery, A couple of stylish Ties, a suit of underwear. The list is long, we could mention scores of things that a man would be pleased, very much pleased, to find on Christmas.

### PRESENTS. SUCH PRESENTS FOR WOMEN.

Women's Felt Slippers and nice Dress Shoes, a long black coat, a Skirt or a nice Silk Waist would make an excellent present. Call in and see our full line of Ladies' Belts, Neck Scarfs, Barretts, Back Combs, plain and fancy handkerchiefs, Collars, Ties and Jabots put up in fancy Holly and Christmas boxes.

## A. KRAUS & SON.

LEADING DRY GOODS STORE.



### A HAPPY HOME IN REACH OF ALL

Joy AND SICKNESS DON'T CHUM TO BE HAPPY KEEP WELL

USE ONLY  
**DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY**  
TO CURE  
**COUGHS AND COLDS WHOOPING COUGH AND ALL DISEASES OF THROAT AND LUNGS**

IT HAS BROUGHT JOY TO Millions

Price 50c and \$1.00  
SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY  
**A. M. LEWIS & CO.**



## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 22

### Local and Neighborhood News.

#### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday forenoon, and cannot be considered later.

A merry Christmas to all.

Christmas letters—something new at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Order your coal of Salling, Hanson Co. Prices low, and prompt delivery.

Xmas Post Cards now on sale at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

You will be interested in Hathaway's ad this week.

Christmas Holly for sale at Sorenson's Cigar store.

Mrs. M. Brenner was visiting friends in Johannesburg last week.

Buy your Xmas presents at Brenner's Cash Store and save money.

For just a suggestion look up Sorenson's advertisement.

Hot and Cold Drinks at the Central Drug Store.

\$6.00 and \$7.00 hand tailored pants for \$3.25 at Brenner's Cash Store.

Geo. Langevin delivers St. Charles coal at your house. Phone 591.

#### Bates sells the best Coal.

Order your coal of Salling, Hanson Co. Prices low, and prompt delivery.

Extra fine chamber sets and big bargains at Brenner's Cash Store.

A dollar will go a long way, if you find the special in Hathaway's window, each day.

Wonderful Holiday Bargains after December 10th, at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

C. E. Bingham and family will take a two weeks Holiday vacation, visiting old friends.

Ladies buy your husband a nice flannel shirt for Xmas. \$2.50 shirt at \$1.35 at Brenner's Cash Store.

Let me quote you a price on Royal or Asbestos Roofing, put on. F. R. Deekrow.

Beech and Maple Block Wood for furnaces. Leave orders with SALLING-HANSON COMPANY.

A few pure strain, White Leghorn Cockerels left for sale. Enquire at this office.

The Christmas trade in Grayling has been unprecedented this year. Our advertising columns give the reason why.

We carry the biggest line of post cards in the city. Xmas and New Year cards. 4 for 5 cents at Brenner's Cash Store.

Fine Bathroom Outfit in display window No. 400 Cedar street. F. R. Deekrow.

St. Charles Coal is the best ever brought to this market. For sale by Geo. Langevin, Phone No. 591.

Leave your order for Ice Cream for your Xmas Dinner at the Central Drug Store.

A letter from O. B. Shook, renewing his subscription, reports good health and prosperous times. Their new address is Miller, Lake Co., Ind.

COAL—I have a large supply of the best St. Charles coal, on the road and will deliver at right price. Phone 591. Geo. Langevin.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

Gentlemen when you get ready for a new suit, call in and see. Satisfaction guaranteed. Shop over Colleen's Restaurant. A. E. Hendrickson.

I have been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me, writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

An examination of the windows in several stores in Grayling will satisfy anyone that there is no necessity of sending to Shears, Sawback & Co., or any other outside city for anything in the line of Christmas gifts.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water, before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., writes: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

The Title Guarantee and Surety Co. of Scranton, Pa., is among the strongest in the world. Bonds for Sheriff, Township, County or state officials, written by them are accepted everywhere, and at so small a cost that no one need be dependent on the kindness of personal friends.

O. PALMER, Agent.

## Sealskin and Alligator Hand Bags at Central Drug Store.

A pair of gold-bowed glasses, were picked up on the street Tuesday p. m., and left at this office for the owner, upon identification.

Christmas cards, the latest and best assortment. Sorenson's Furniture Store.

W. W. Palmer expects to leave this p. m., to eat an Illinois turkey with his daughter at Elgin, Ill. He will stop a day or two in Chicago on his return.

Watch for the fine line of cigars for Xmas Gifts for the men, at Sorenson Cigar Store.

Gust Wilde came in from camp about two weeks ago, being ill, and grew slowly worse; until last Tuesday he was taken to a Detroit hospital for treatment.

Christmas goods, the line that satisfies, will be on display, December 10, Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Christmas trees have been delivered in all parts of the village during the week, more freely than ever, and home-comers are numerous, all proving the prosperity of the season.

Secure your Christmas presents at the great Bargain Sale at Salling-Hanson Co's store, from December 17 to 24.

A Christmas gift that will be appreciated, be it big or small, can without difficulty be selected from our large stock displayed after December 10th. Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Xmas and New Year Cards at Central Drug Store.

A fine Spalding Jersey Sweater would be a nice Xmas gift. Sorenson's Cigar Store.

Special price on yearly subscriptions of magazine at Sorenson's Cigar Store.

Great Bargain Sale of useful Christmas presents at Salling-Hanson Co's store, December 17 to 24. Don't miss it.

Miss Gladys Peck came home last week from a four months session, night and day in caring for an invalid Aunt in Shiawassee county, who is slowly dying from cancer. She certainly deserves the rest.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other dangerous and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

The best place to secure useful Christmas presents is at the Bargain Sale, at Salling-Hanson Co's store from December 17 to 24. Go and be convinced.

A. LaChapelle, "Ex-Devil" of the AVANTAGE office, who has become an expert typographer in newspaper work, has gone to the residence of his mother, in Wisconsin, where he seeks for a place to take another degree in the "4th Estate."

Go to O. Sorenson's & Son's Headquarters for fine candies and cigars. Mrs. Lizzie Foley, of Oscoda Co., with little Miss Gertrude, came to our city Monday, to spend the week with "Our Twins," and with her sister, Mrs. Jas. J. Cullen. They will make a gay family gathering, as Mrs. Foley was one of our girls some time in the last century.

When planning buying Christmas presents, remember the Great Bargain Sale at Salling-Hanson Co's store, December 17 to 24, and save money.

We have a big line of large hand painted pictures with fine large frames a fine present for the home, very cheap. Come and see them at Brenner's Cash Store.

M. C. R. R., express No. 206 Tuesday afternoon, broke a drive wheel near Horrigan and delayed the train several hours. Conductor Barnhart had to walk back to Grayling for help, after protecting the approaches from other trains. The morning express going north, did not arrive here until after eight o'clock.

Look no longer! Give a BISSELL CARPET SWEEPER, it's sure to please. A large selection of these Sweepers on display at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Did you read O. Sorenson & Son's ad in this issue, if not, why not read it? It will do you good.

DIED—At his home in this village Tuesday, Dec. 20, Thomas Ingley Sr., aged 65 years. The deceased is an old resident of this place and for many years has been a faithful employee of Salling-Hanson Co. His wife has been a confirmed invalid for a quarter of a century or more, and the tender and watchful care of her, by the deceased, and their family has given them the highest esteem of the community. For some months past he hardly left her for an hour, and the overwork and anxiety undoubtedly hastened his death. The family will receive the fullest sympathy of all our people.

Woman's Latest Conquest. Sea-otter has been requisitioned for the adornment of fashionable feminine attire. Heretofore it has been exclusively reserved for the use of men, no doubt on account of its weight and durability.

## Beautiful X-Mas Service.

The Choir and S. S. of the Presbyterian Church gave a most delightful Christmas Entertainment at the church Tuesday evening, in connection with the annual Christmas tree. The program consisted of a musical and a stereopticon entitled "The Christ Child in Art, Story and Song, or The Children's Messia." Thirty-nine beautiful views, representing the childhood and youth of Jesus, with a few added scenes concerning his wonderful manhood, were thrown upon the canvas.

In connection with the closing part "Palm Sunday," by Dore, was rendered especially impressive, because accompanied by the solo, "The Palms" rendered by Fred Alexander.

The music had been carefully prepared by Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Michelson, and Miss Palmer and Miss Russell.

As the Choir and S. S. sang in the darkened auditorium the beautiful song of long ago, nothing being clearly visible but the scenes of the Christ time, the effect was truly most impressive.

After that part of the programme was rendered, the canvas was removed, and a beautiful Christmas tree greeted the crowded house of expectant children and youth.

The gift first announced was one of \$50.00 from Mr. R. Hanson to the S. S. This elicited hearty applause. Altogether it was one of the most artistic and enjoyable entertainments ever rendered in Grayling.

Grayling has a boy scout organization, the in its infancy. It began among the boys of a class in the Presbyterian Sunday School; but it is not sectarian and members protestant of the various churches of Grayling. Includes at least one loyal Catholic boy. F. G. Walton is the Scout Master.

### Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, Dec. 25, 1910.  
Mid week prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "A Christmas Meditation." Sabbath School at 11:45 a. m. A. B. Falling, Supt.

Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Preaching at 7:00 p. m. Subject: "The Magi and the Star." All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. HUMPHREY FLEMING, Pastor.

Our line of toys are up-to-date and at prices you never bought here before, Brenner's Cash Store.

## The New Russel Hotel.

H. Charron, Proprietor.

R. Charron, Manager.

### Christmas Menu.

Monday, Dec. 26, 1910.

Oyster Soup

RELISHES

Celery—Olives—Pickles

MEATS.

Roast Turkey—Cranberry Sauce

Roast Goose with Cranberry Sauce

Roast Pork with Apple Sauce

Roast Beef with Brown Gravy

Rabbit Pot-Pie, Hunters Style

FRUIT SALAD

VEGETABLES

Baked Sweet Potatoes

Mashed Potatoes

Mashed Turnips

DESSERT

Apple Pie—Mince Pie—Bumkin Pie

English Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce

Assorted Fruits—Mixed Nuts

Coffee and Tea.

MUSIC BY CLARK'S ORCHESTRA

BILL THIRTY FIVE CENTS

## Central Drug Store

While Doing Your

## Christmas Shopping

Call in and look over our line, suitable for Christmas Presents such as

Hand Bags, both Seal and Alligator Skins  
Toilet Sets Military Hair Brushes  
Thermos Bottles Hot Water Bags  
Hand Mirrors Work Baskets  
Perfumes Condies  
Fine Stationery Toilet Articles

## Hot Drinks and Ice Cream Soda

Bring us your Family Receipts. Prescription Work a Specialty.

O. W. ROESER, Manager.

PATENT MEDICINES DRUGS

## Job Printing

Neatly and Promptly done

At this office.

## HATHAWAY'S

is the place to buy

## XMAS PRESENTS

Because

1st There is a large assortment to choose from.

2nd You are protected as no misrepresentation of goods is tolerated.

3rd Prices are as low as is consistent with quality.

4th You will receive courteous treatment, whether you make a purchase or not.

5th Goods are plainly marked with one price to all.

AND

6th Because

Jewelry is the Gift of Gifts

We wish you all

## A Merry Xmas.

C. J. Hathaway  
JEWELER & OPTOMETRIST  
GRAYLING, MICH.

Save Your

## ASHES!

Put them in a barrel or box and we will call for them and pay you one bar of soap for each bushel. Do not put coal ashes with the hardwood, as they are not usable.

Start at once as the factory will soon be completed.

Yours for good treatment

C. M. Slade & Son.

deci.

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES

## Christmas

AND

## New Year

## Excursions

VIA

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

TO

All points on the Michigan Central R. R.

ALSO TO

Points connecting lines in the State of Michigan (Lower Peninsula) and points in Canada west of Toronto, Ontario.

Going Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1910, and Jan. 1 and 2, 1911.

Returning to reach original starting point not later than midnight of January 3, 1911.

For Particulars Consult Agents.

## L. O. T. M. M.

"The Original Order"

Provides Maternity, Old Age, Death, Disability and Hospital Benefits for Members.

\$5,000,000.00 Paid Out in Benefits \$700,000.00 in Banks

ASK ANY MEMBER

L. O. T. M. M.

Treasurer's Notice.

I will be a Will Kile's House every Friday in December to collect taxes in Beaver Creek Township.

ARTHUR KILE.

Township Treasurer of Beaver Creek.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many winter is a season of trouble. The frost bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skin, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c. at A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store.

Notice To Tax Payers.

I will be at home in Maple Forest on Monday of each week for the collection of taxes.

JAMES K. BATES.

Township Treasurer.

## A Merry Christmas.

### Grayling Mercantile Company

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT THAN:

A piece of Furniture	Imported Dolls
Couch Covers	Imported Chinaware
Table Covers	Toys, Domestic and Imported
Brush and Comb Sets	Post Card Albums
Celluloid Case Goods	Picture Books
Work Boxes	Games
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes	Sleds
Photo Albums	Doll Carriages
	Children's Furniture, etc.

Don't buy until you see our display of choice new goods, out for your inspection after December 10.

Sorenson's Furniture Store

## Christmas Holly

AT

## BRINK'S GROCERY.

## Our Oysters

### Have the Tang of the Sea

We receive our oysters under the regulations of the Sealshipt System which covers the growing, shucking, shipping, selling of

## SEALSHIPT OYSTERS

Protected by an Effective System

At the seaside they are packed, sealed into air-tight containers and then SEALED. The seal is on the OUTSIDE of the containers. The containers are in patent Sealshipts.

We have the sole authority to break the seal of Sealshipts. We transfer the oysters to our blue and white porcelain Sealshiptcase. We hand you Sealshipt Oysters in the wax-lined blue and white Sealshipt paper pack.

Handled in this way, they retain all the freshness and flavor of oysters just taken from the beds. They are all solid meats—not a drop of water has ever been added—no ice has ever touched them. They are economical—a pint is enough for a family of five.

## Peoples Market

F. H. MILKS, Prop'r.



The race for wealth ends at the cemetery.

A clear line may save the house from burning down.

The earth remains after than either the sea or the sky.

The consumer hopes the ice crop, too, will be a bumper.

Nearly every gift that is made has some sort of a string tied to it.

Developing the aeroplane is one thing and reckless tampering is another.

Just think!—Angels' food cake is made in New York of "rots" and "spots."

The aeroplane is becoming a dangerous rival of the automobile in the toll of deaths.

Things go by contraries. When a man is on his "uppers," he is really down in the depths.

When sold merely by weight, diamonds are still a little more valuable than breakfast bacon.

An airship that will break down without falling is one of the crying necessities of the age.

The New York milliner who built an aeroplane doubtless utilized some of the models in the shop.

The hobble skirt has gone out of fashion even in Paris, and it will soon be marked off the list everywhere.

Miladi says a man's clothes always seem to fit him real loose after his wife's relatives have looked him over.

An Iowa man paid \$105 the other day for ten ears of corn. Yet there are people who risk their lives hunting for gold.

The feast that can be said of that rotten egg industry declared to exist in New York is that it will be in bad odor with the public.

They are building liners so big the globe trotter will expect to find on them golf courses, porte cocheres and outdoor sleeping porches.

A prominent New York college has been invaded by infant paralytics. The doings of the average student make this invasion entirely creditable.

Fifty-six Indiana counties have lost in population since the 1900 census. As soon as people make a fortune in literature, they move out of Indiana.

Hereupon the enthusiastic lover of horses climbs into his automobile, orders the chauffeur to "hit 'er up," and is whisked away to the horse show.

A New York woman is enraged because her son wants to marry an actress. She might as well cheer up. He'll be back home again in a little while.

Marriage may be a lottery, but the proposal of a woman in the west to raise herself off for a dollar a chance is emphasizing the fact a little too strongly.

A woman in Washington washes all the paper money that she receives in order that it may be clean. All of us are not so particular. A little dirty money looks good to a hungry man.

Statistics show that April and September are the favorite months in which to go crazy. That may account for the hunches that induce some men to become candidates for public office.

Ten orphan baby seals have been brought down from Bering sea to pass the winter in this country as an experiment. If they do well we may yet raise our own sealskin coats in inland waters.

American brides entering Germany are to be compelled to pay duty on their wedding outfits. The counts and barons they take over should not cost much if the duty on them is levied ad valorem.

Also it is reported that the size of women's hats is being reduced. But the masculine payers of the bills have not yet made the happy discovery that the price has been reduced in proportion.

"We are assured that men are drinking less nowadays," observes the Philadelphia Inquirer, "but how is it that the internal revenue increases so fast?" The census figures of 1910 may help you, brother.

That returning tourist who disobeyed father and was fined \$800 for failing to declare dutiable articles now realizes that her Uncle Samuel is one relative that will not stand any nonsense.

"Hangar," the French word which is used in connection with flying machines, means merely shed—a place in which an aeroplane may be kept when it is not in use. Shed is short, but it will not be so hard to learn to say hangar as it was to get chauffeur to roll correctly from the tongue.

A New Jersey man was granted a divorce because his wife flitted. If flitting is a stationery game, she would courts would do a rushing business this winter. Women will flit. It is natural. Mother Eve flitted with a snake.

An English statesman says that American dollars are a potent factor in English politics. As a matter of fact, there are few world matters in which American dollars are not a factor, since it is the world's aim to win as many as possible of them.

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#### Her Bad Five Minutes

There was a soft hump by the dresser and then Agatha's shoe tipped over on the floor.

Agatha set up in bed with a frightened start, blinking into the dark, her breath coming in stifled gasps through her lips.

She recalled that just after she had blown out the candles and jumped in to bed she had heard a scratching noise outside her window, but she had told herself that it was merely a branch of the big oak tree. She knew now with a sickening certainty that no oak tree branch ever grew so low as the first-story window of the bungalow bedroom. The burglar, no doubt, had even then been prowling around—and she had gone peacefully to sleep while he had been fussing at the window.

Agatha was conscious of a sudden, nerve-rage at people who were so idiotic as to build a house so close to the earth that all an intruder had to do to get in was to take out a screen and step easily over the window sill. One might as well hang one's watch and chain and pocket book on the corner lamp-post. That reminded her that she was many miles from a lamp-post and in the midst of a blackness so impenetrable that it was smothery.

Another faint noise from the direction of the dresser made Agatha's clutch on the bedspread tighten to that of a vise, while her blood curdled. Why didn't the wretch do something and get the agony over? Above all, why had she ever been induced to visit the Metcalfs in their foolish summer home in the woods?

What was it Hattie Metcalf had said just the day before—something about the relief of being so far from civilization that one was not bothered by its drawbacks? Burglars certainly were drawbacks and here was a perfectly good one engaged in his nefarious employment, peaceful woods notwithstanding. How could he be expected to know that all the silver was plated and that Agatha had brought none of her jewelry with her? No doubt, when he should discover it he would murder her.

Agatha had an instant's vision of black headlines in the city papers recounting the tragic fate of the beautiful young society girl, daughter of the well-known broker. She had a flashing wonder as to which of the others Chester Chandler would take to the assembly balls.

There was a rattle of the high-heeled shoes again, as though a foot had accidentally hit it. Agatha bent her head and sniffed corner of the bedspread into her mouth to keep from screaming. It only she could go out of the door!

Then she recalled that even should she negotiate the space between the bed and the door she would then be lost in the wilderness of the huge living room, with furniture stuck at all sorts of impossible angles. In the darkness she was totally ignorant how to reach the room of the Metcalfs. And they had actually spoken with pride of the fact that the bungalow bedrooms were scattered at good distances from each other instead of being bunched.

"I wanted our guests to feel at home," Billy Metcalf had said with one of his grins. "They can indulge in family rows to beat the band after bidding us an affectionate good-night, and nobody else can hear 'em!"

The soft, odd noises were renewed at short intervals and Agatha wondered frenziedly how long she could hold out. Her fright had reached the stage where it paralyzed and numbed. She was not conscious of breathing and her ears drummed.

There was a rattle at the dresser, a faint, careful little rattle as of a hand moving skillfully among the trinkets upon it. Then of a sudden there was a thud and a wild rush!

Agatha knew nothing more except that something inside her head snapped and let her scream and scream in terrified hysteria, while she sat up among the pillows with ice water running up and down her spine.

There was commotion throughout the bungalow. Everybody came running and stumbling with lights and questions. Agatha threw herself into Hattie Metcalf's arms.

"Burglars on my dresser—and my shoe fell over!" she got out gaspingly. Billy Metcalf went over and picked up the shoe in question. As he did so there was a shower of small, hard, dark objects from it that rattled like bullets on the bare floor.

"Oh! said Hattie Metcalf, relieved. "It was just a chipmunk, dear. This time of year they bring nuts and acorns into the house and hide them everywhere, storing up for winter. They particularly love shoes."

Agatha wondered just then how any woman ever could have fancied herself in love with Billy Metcalf, and remembered that she was still alive and that Chester Chandler would not be under the necessity of picking out another girl to take to the assembly balls.

Just before daylight, when Agatha finally sunk to slumber, she had a thought which sent her to sleep with a peaceful smile on her lips. She had remembered that she was still alive and that Chester Chandler would not be under the necessity of picking out another girl to take to the assembly balls.

#### ON THE PORCH

At the Danvers house the front porch is broad and deeply shaded with vines, so that when one sits at the far end in a winged rocking chair one can see without being seen. It was here that Miss Danvers sat one warm evening while the rest of the family stopped indoors and played bridge.

Miss Danvers loathed bridge and considered the family taste below par in preferring an electric-lighted card table to the peaceful glimmer of the moon on a vine-covered porch. And yet, truth to tell, she seemed quite willing to be alone with her thoughts this pleasant September evening.

She was humming softly to herself when her brother's voice floated out to her from the room within.

"I say, Bess," said the voice, "have you something on for tonight? Is Rankin coming again?"

"Certainly not," said his sister, severely. "He was here last night."

"And the night before," added her brother, with a chuckle.

After that the bridge players devoted themselves to the game.

Miss Danvers had begun to hum again and was smiling in the dark, when she heard a substantial tread on the walk below the step. Peering through the vines she recognized Rankin approaching. Miss Danvers sat quite still.

The substantial figure reached the short flight of steps, ascended them and stood in front of the screen door. The man's head was bent abstractedly, and his thoughts apparently were elsewhere. As he raised his hand to ward the doorbell there arose the sound of an argument from the bridge table within.

Young Rankin started, his arm fell and he pulled himself quickly.

"Well, by George!" he said, under his breath.

At this point he discovered Miss Danvers and realized that she was laughing. He regarded her for a moment with a frown and finally with an answering grin. Then he approached and sat down beside her, without a word, and they listened to the heated discussion in the room behind them, subdued by the heavy curtains.

"How about that ace?" some one was demanding indignantly. "Well, you see," said another voice, and trailed off into a murmured explanation.

Young Rankin laid his hat on the floor and dug his hands deep into his trousers pockets.

"I think," he remarked, finally, "might as well make a clean breast of it. I didn't mean to come here tonight, and that's a fact!"

"No!" said the girl, smiling.

"No," said Rankin, shaking his head. "I'll not make any pretense of not being glad to be here, but my intended destination was the Marshalls."

Young fellow in the office just married and strangers in the city, you know. They're living out here."

"Oh, I see," said Miss Danvers. "It sounds like a falsehood, I know, but it isn't!" asserted Rankin gloomily.

"I started out to call on the Marshalls. Took the train to Hyde Park and walked east from the station and—well, I was thinking of you, that's all, and my feet just naturally brought me here. I only woke up when I heard them talking bridge inside."

"I see," said the girl again, in quite a different voice. They were both silent.

"I say, Bessie," said the young man, after several minutes, regarding her steadily. "If it's come to the point where I go around making such a fool of myself as to get lost in Hyde Park, don't you think it's about time you took pity on me?"

Miss Danvers said nothing.

"Of course," said Rankin, "you've known for a long time that I—well, how much I wanted you!"

Miss Danvers shook her head.

"What?" cried Rankin, "after the way I've trailed you around these six months?"

"You didn't say anything," said Miss Danvers, defensively. "So I didn't know for sure, but I hoped it was so!"

Rankin made a swift movement.

"Don't," said the girl, hastily. "Some one might come out."

"Well, then," decided Rankin, "we'll both call on the Marshalls. She'll be glad to know you, and besides, I want you to see their flat!"

#### ARCHER'S ENGAGEMENT

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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Best Desmond's hand came down on Archer's shoulder with a resounding slap. "Congratulations, you, old man," he exclaimed, heartily.

"Thanks," said the other, with an amused smile, "but what's all this row about, anyway?"

"Your engagement, of course! Blake has told me. She's the—"

"Blake's a silly old chatterbox. I'm not going to marry anybody—you might congratulate me on that fact," interrupted Archer.

"Funny isn't it?" mused Desmond, perplexedly. "Blake told me plain as could be that Archer was engaged to marry—"

Archer interrupted this time with a laugh. "Oh, it must have been my cousin, Tom Archer! Go and congratulate him, Bert—you can't make a mistake, he's always engaged to somebody. Going down to the club house? No? Very well, so long."

Job Archer went grinning on his way down to the yacht club while Desmond pursued a solitary walk along the board walk that led to the big hotel.

A girl seated in an automobile near by looked toward the shop before which she was waiting with a bored air. Through the folds of the white veil that swathed her face the color in her cheeks burned like a stain. Her hands were firmly clinched in her lap and her whole attitude betrayed restrained impatience.

Helen Dale had heard every word of the conversation between the two men. She knew that she was the girl who had been reported engaged to Tom Archer, but to hear her name linked with Bob Archer's had brought her such a pang of exquisite pain that she stood still, revealed on the instant.

So that was the reason she could not fall in love with the dozen men who had succumbed to her beauty and charm! She had claimed for herself coldness, aloofness, indifference to all men—and it was merely because she had given her heart, unasked, into the keeping of Bob Archer.

It was well known that Bob Archer did not care for women. Yachting, tennis and golf—and his office—satisfied all his cravings. He lived at a club and his vacations were spent in the open, wherever there was good healthy outdoor sport. Helen's tastes were the same, but Archer's companions were mostly men and she had met him seldom; then, when he had made one of his infrequent appearances in the ballroom.

And Helen had fallen in love with him, unsought, unguessed. A very agony of shame came upon her, but through it glowed a fierce joy that he had declared himself a confirmed bachelor. If he did not care for her there was nobody else.

Then it was that Helen Dale's flirtation with Tom Archer came to an abrupt end.

A few days afterward Helen was swimming far out beyond the float that marked the limit of safe bathing. She was an expert swimmer.

Warmed by the cold salt water, the warmth of the sun on her uplifted face and the soft resistance of the waves against her strength.

Slender, graceful and muscular, she made a pretty sight, her white arms gleaming like marble against the blue sea, her crown of bronze-tinted hair shining in the sunlight. Her eyes were fixed on a distant buoy she had marked for a turning point.

She did not see a man's form dive downward from a handsome yacht nearby, nor see his long strokes toward the name goal she was striving for. Helen was almost upon him when her attention was attracted by a low shout of distress, his brown arm shot upward and he sank before her eyes.

It was not until Helen had reached the spot and grasped him firmly by his thick hair that she recognized Bob Archer. In that moment of suspense she forgot her tenderness for him, everything save the fact that he was a human being and that his life was in danger.

The clasp that had seized him had left him only half-conscious. His eyes were closed and he did not struggle. Before she could cry for assistance she had been observed from the yacht and a boat was hastily lowered and came to her rescue. "She was entirely exhausted with the hard pull," Archer was a heavy man and he had been a dead weight in the one hand she could spare.

Inside the launch she fainted and only revived when a distracted sailor dashed glugging salt water in her face and eyes. Then she sat up and looked anxiously at the inmate form in the bottom of the boat.

"Is he—?" she asked, faintly.

"I think he'll be all right, miss," said the coxswain reassuringly. "He must have been took with a cramp, for ordinarily Mr. Archer is a fine swimmer."

Years of thankfulness forced themselves to Helen's eyes and she made no reply. Once on board the yacht she declined the captain's urgent offers of hospitality. She did accept one of Archer's heavy ulsters and slipped it on.

When she was assured that he was recovering and would soon be up and around, she asked to be taken ashore. The next morning she left the hotel with her mother and returned to her home in the city.

Helen Dale knew that Bob Archer must seek her out and express his gratitude for what she had done; that she might not meet him again she had decided.

Bob Archer awoke to a rather unpleasant realization the morning after the rescue. He who had always been independent of women was indebted to one for his life. He blushed to recall that a girl had come to his rescue and nursed his own weakness in succumbing to a mere cramp. But he set forth to the hotel, immaculate in white duck from top to toe, in his heart grateful to the plucky girl who had saved his life.

He recalled Helen Dale as one of many other girls whom he had avoided as mere butterflies. When he inquired for Miss Dale at the office the clerk informed him of her departure. There was no doubt in his mind that she had gone to escape his thanks. Well, she was the right sort—some girls would have been glad of the opportunity to play the heroine.

New York was not far distant, and he presented himself at the Dale house. So unexpected was his coming that Helen was taken by surprise. She came down to find him in conversation with her mother.

"I resolved you should not escape," he said, holding her hand in a warm friendly clasp. "I wonder if you know just how plucky you were yesterday!"

"It was mere chance," evaded Helen, coloring. "Any one else would have done it. It was easy, too, for your boat came quickly to the rescue."

"Nevertheless, it had not been for you I would have lost my life," insisted Archer.

He remained for the evening, and was surprised at his own pleasure in the occasion.

A day or two afterward he came again and took them for a spin in his new motor car. Then he came again and again. He did not return to Seaside, but his yacht received sailing orders and proceeded to the city, where she lay at his disposal.

When the first crisp autumn winds were blowing Bob Archer avowed to the fact that he could not live happily without Helen Dale for his wife. What an ideal companion she would make! Her tastes were similar and their love of the out-of-doors amounted almost to a mania. A honeymoon spent on his yacht—

He clapped on his hat and made his way to the Dale house. Helen was alone in the library, when he arrived, and he sat beside her in the dim firelight room and told his story. But in spite of the great joy in her eyes she shook her head.

"I know how you feel, Mr. Archer. It is natural that you should mistake gratitude for love, and that you should offer me the life I saved, but—"

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crossed her face brought him close beside her.

"Helen, look at me!" he commanded, taking her hands in his.

Slowly she turned until her eyes met his.

"What do you see there, darling? Gratitude or love?" he asked, softly.

Her glance fell before his gaze, and for the first time since her heart had gone out of her keeping she was radiantly happy.

"Love," she whispered, softly, and then, "I'm so glad I had the chance to save your life. We might never have known each other, Bob."

#### IN A SUMMER HOUSE

By MABEL CLARE SMITH

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Burton Kuhl struggled his shoulders with amiable surprise when he realized what a storm of objections he had brought down on his head by the simple announcement of an important happening.

"What a fuss you are making, Grace!" he interposed, hastily taking advantage of a momentary pause in the flow of eloquence. "Really, one would think I had committed a crime in daring to engage myself to the dearest girl in the world. Your own objection to Miss Floyd, as I understand you, is her profession. Well, what's the matter with it? A doctor is a handy person to have around, I think. I'd trust my life in Esther's hands a good deal quicker than in the hands of some masculine practitioner—I could name."

Mrs. Trevelyan sighed expressively and elevated her eyebrows.

"Can't you understand?" she cried vehemently. "That's just why you should not marry her! Just think what sort of a home you'd have with a wife riding around the country at all hours of the day and night, at the call of anybody and everybody! She can't be a true woman when she deliberately crosses a profession like that. I'll warrant she hasn't a spark of taste in dress either. I can't understand your choice, I'm sure. It's hard to be disappointed in an only brother," she mourned.

"Oh, nonsense!" frowned Burton. "Esther wouldn't keep up her practice after we were married, of course. At least, not to the extent of answering night calls. I wish you'd look at the matter in an unprejudiced light, Grace. I never interfered with you and George, though I knew all the time that he was as poor as poets usually are and never would amount to a row of beans. You've had time enough to find that there's plenty of truth in that, I reckon. If it were not for the little dowry you brought him I fancy life would be a workaday job for George instead of his present easy, rhyme-making existence. Why can't you show the same generous spirit toward me?"

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